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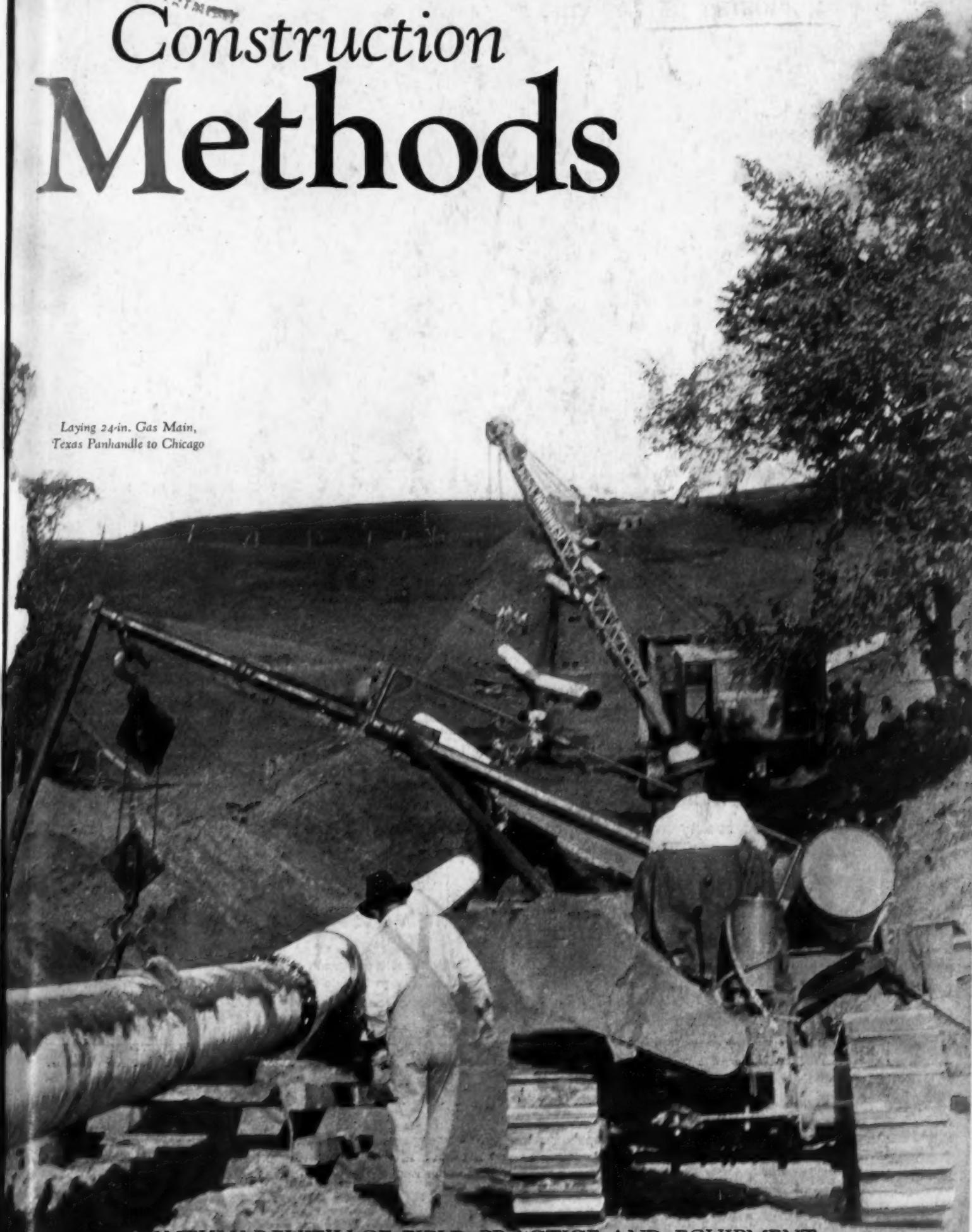
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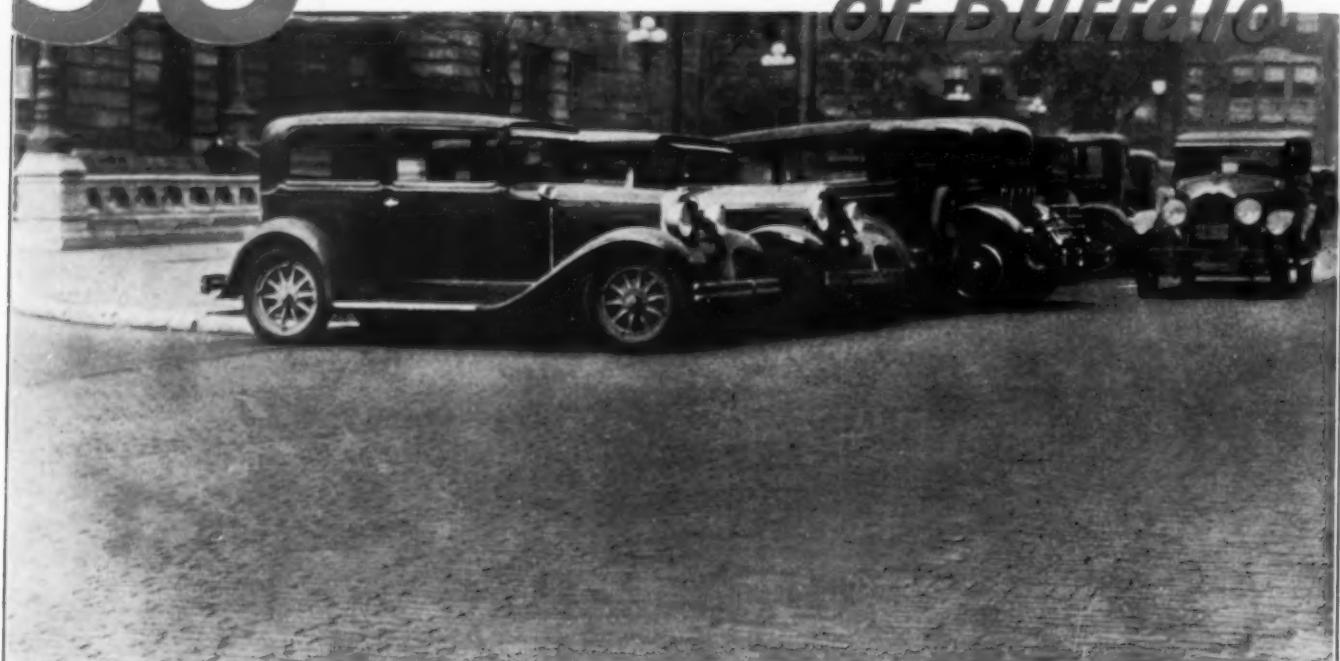
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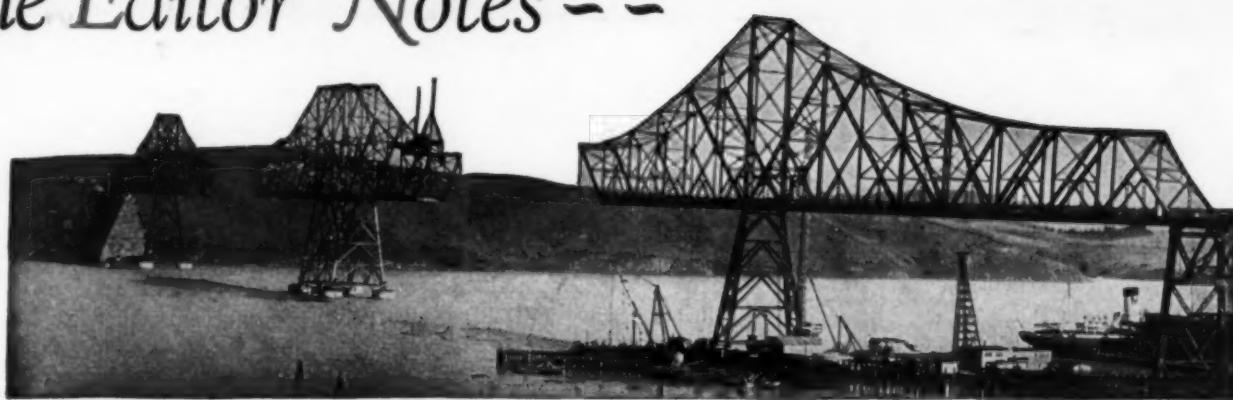
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Terra Cotta in a New Role

WO unusual architectural and structural features characterize the new 33-story McGraw-Hill building, New York City, described in this and last month's issues of *Construction Methods*. For the first time on an extensive scale in skyscraper construction color has been made the dominant element. On all of its four sides the building presents façades of a bluish-green shade, in striking contrast with the more conventionally sombre colors of other New York skyscrapers. This color, let it be understood, is not applied in the form of a paint or stain on the exterior walls but is rather built into the structure through the medium of glazed terra cotta blocks used to face the spandrels at each story. As designed by Raymond Hood, Godley & Fouilhoux, the architects, the horizontal bands of blue-green terra cotta form a striped façade of striking appearance.

For the construction man the chief point of interest is the application of terra cotta to a structural service ordinarily performed by brick or stone masonry. It is true, of course, that colored terra cotta has been used to some extent in building construction to produce desired architectural effects, but the McGraw-Hill building is believed to be the first skyscraper in which a color serves, not as a detail, but as an outstanding feature. While the use of terra cotta for exterior surfacing on such a large scale is decidedly out of the ordinary, the masonry crew of Starrett Brothers & Eken, Inc., the contractors, encountered no particular difficulties in handling and setting the colored blocks. The pieces, of course, have to be handled a little more carefully than brick to prevent chipping of the glazed exterior surfaces.

The blocks are set up in ordinary mortar and are tied in to a brick wall backing with ribbed metal anchors, the

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lower courses of the terra cotta block being supported by shelf angles, extending outward from the lower flanges of the spandrel I-beams. A special feature of the blocks, which have their surfaces trued up by machine grinding, is "feathered" ends which, when filled with mortar, form a tightly locked joint with the adjacent block.

One other feature of the building is worthy of note. The exterior columns of the structure are faced with steel sheets, painted a greenish-black, thus providing vertical elements contrasting with the lighter blue-green horizontal bands of the terra cotta spandrel facing.

The structure, therefore, represents a departure from conventional skyscraper practice in several of its important details.

World's Longest Suspension Span

Bids were received last month for the Golden Gate suspension bridge across San Francisco Bay, a structure having a main span of 4,200 ft., longest in the world, exceeding by 700 ft. the main suspension span of the George Washington bridge across the Hudson River between New York and New Jersey. Construction of the record-breaking Pacific Coast structure will be under way this summer and will be financed by a \$35,000,000 bond issue approved by the voters last November. The low bid for the structure amounts to about \$24,000,000.

Road Markings for Air Traffic

SINCE paved highways have long been used as landmarks by pilots of aircraft flying cross-country, the Aeronautics Branch of the Commerce Department has dispatched letters to each of the forty-eight state highway commissions, requesting their aid in adopting marking methods that are distinguishable from the air. The importance attached to highways as aids to air navigation is indicated by the fact that the new series of sectional airway maps issued by the Government show the routes of federal and state highways and give their official numbers. A uniform method of marking highways as an aid to air navigation is urged by the Commerce Department. The markings recommended for this purpose are simple, involving in each case the official route number preceded by the letters "U.S." for federal highways, or by the state abbreviation for state highways. Characters should be from 10 to 30 ft. in length. It is also recommended that an effort be made to obtain a color of paint that will contrast as much as possible with the color of the paving. Road builders, constructing routes for vehicles that travel on wheels, now have an opportunity to extend their service to the traffic that moves through the air.

Detroit Gets Next Road Show

The twenty-ninth annual convention and road show of the American Road Builders' Association will be held in Detroit, Jan. 9 to 15, 1932. The decision as to the location of the road show was made last month by association officers after consideration of the advantages of several large cities. The Detroit Airport building will be used. All exhibit space is on the ground floor and the huge doors make possible the setting of the largest equipment.

Longer and Longer Chances

RIIGHT now the wise constructor is taking stock of his working plant; he suspects that deferred replacement may have sapped some of his driving power.

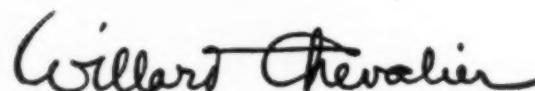
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And by many of the signs, this heavier load may come sooner than we have been expecting. A heavy public works program already in hand, plus a rise of private and industrial construction volume just a little nearer to normal may put many constructors in a position where breakdowns, shut-downs and repairs would be a costly business—perhaps, as prices go today, the difference between profit and loss.

All of which is to suggest to construction men everywhere that this is a good time to look after replacement of worn and obsolete plant. Full-power, full-strength, full-capacity is the only safe basis on which to approach the construction program ahead of us.

Take a good look through the pages of this issue of *Construction Methods*—advertising as well as reading. They may suggest items on which you will want to check up your present plant.



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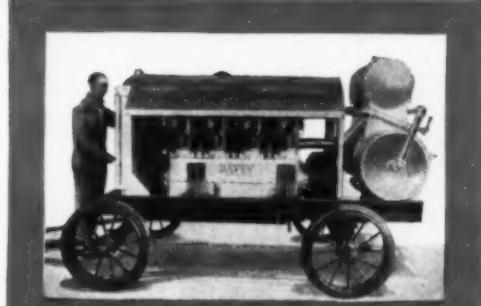
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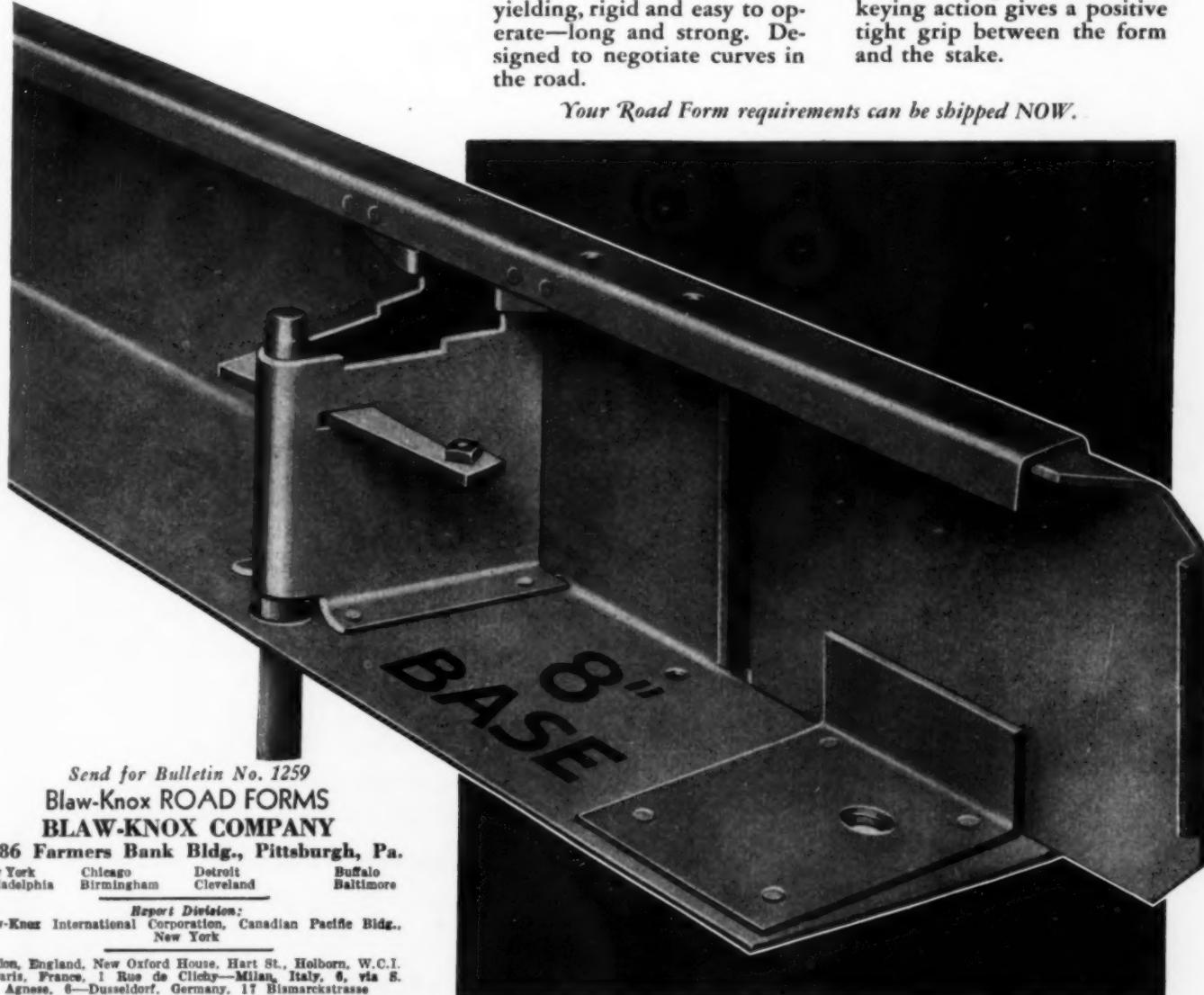
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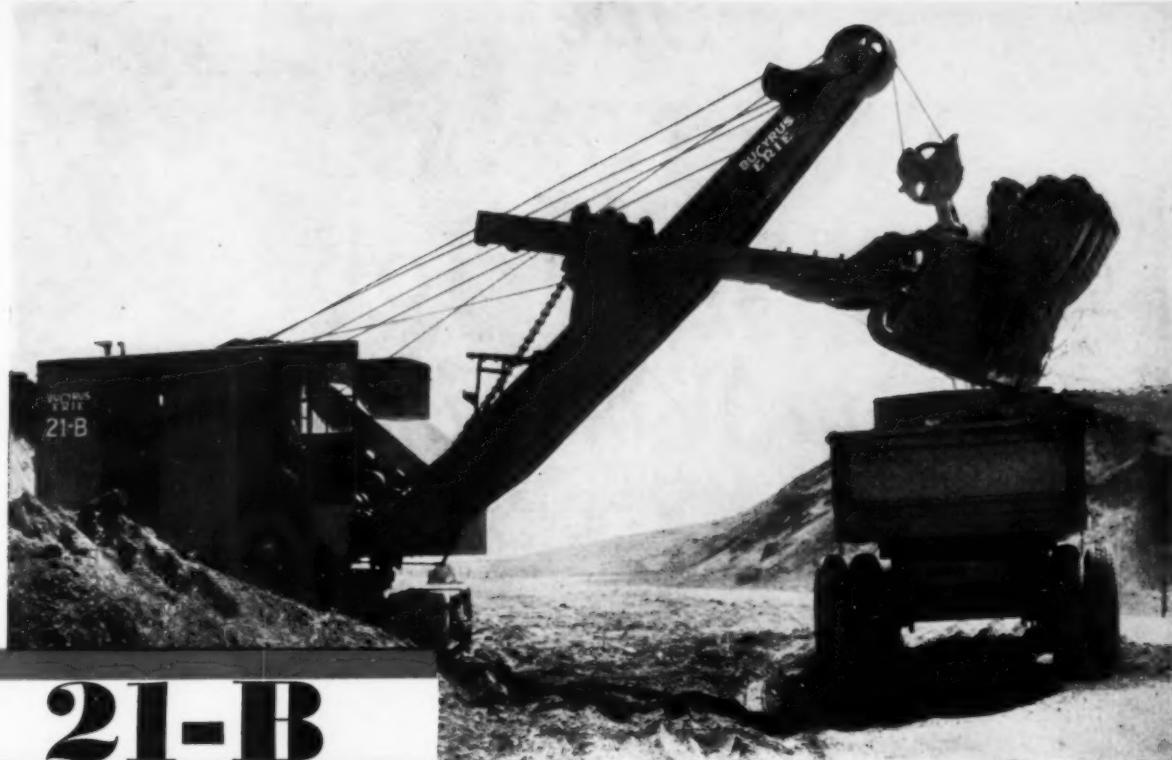
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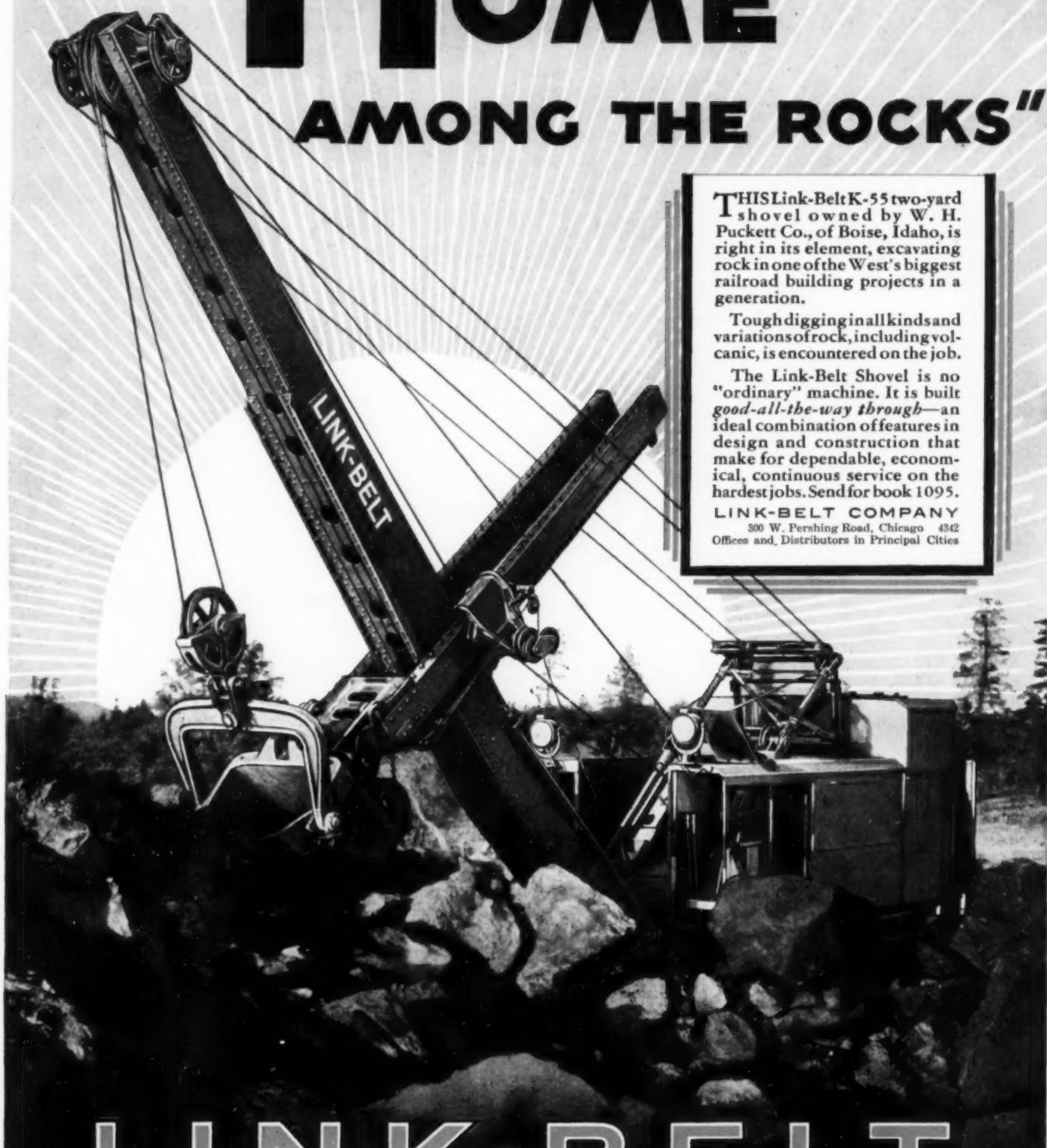
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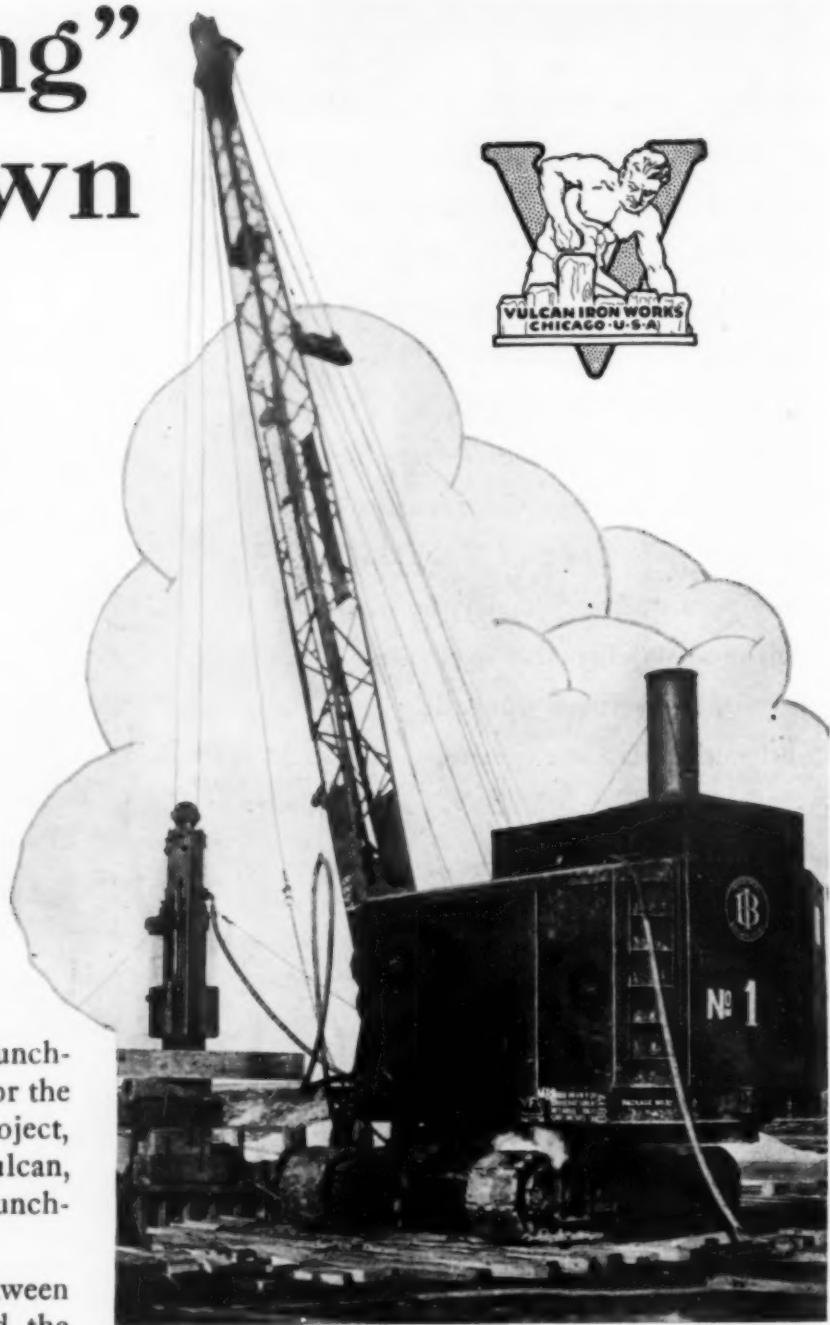
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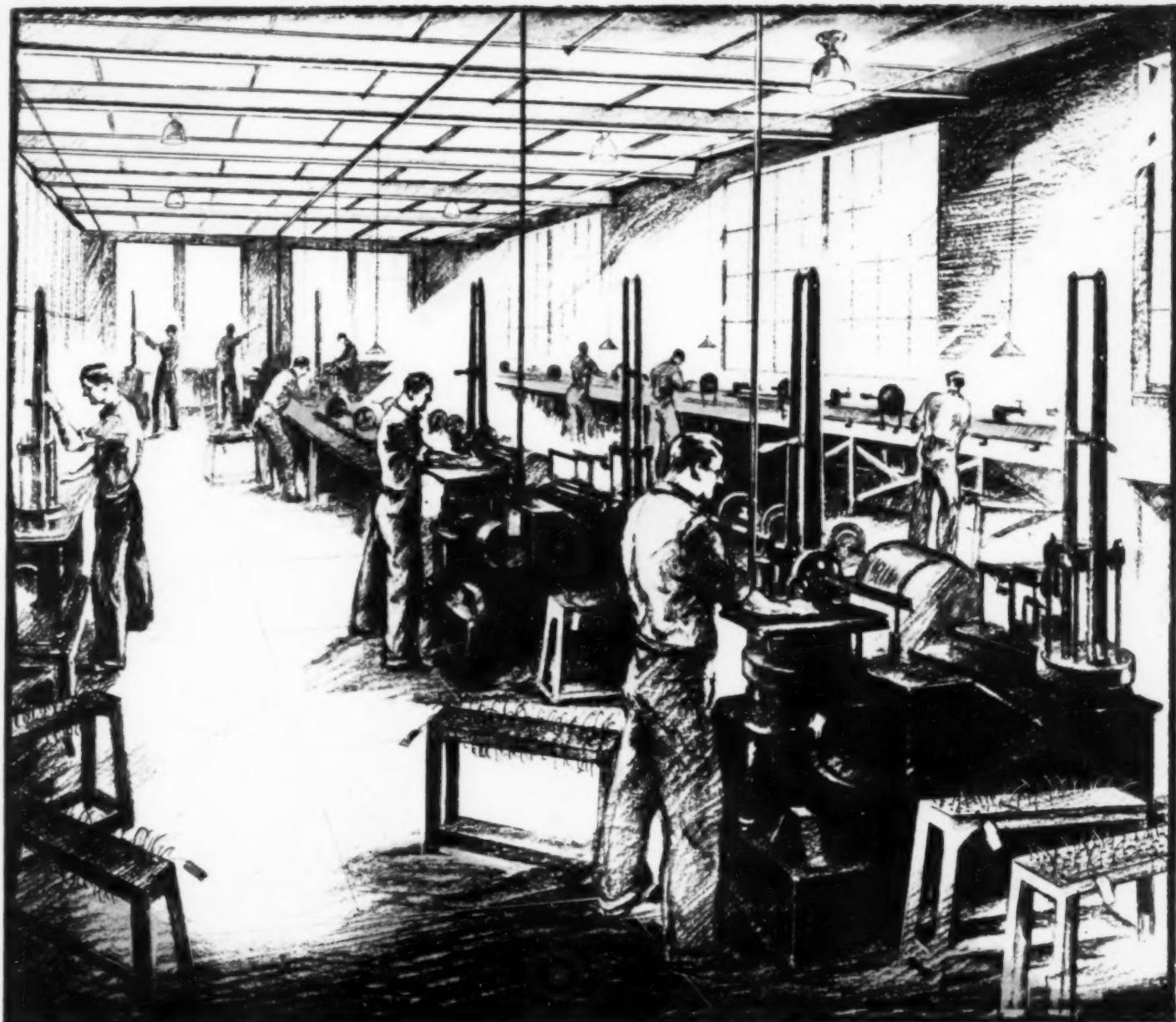
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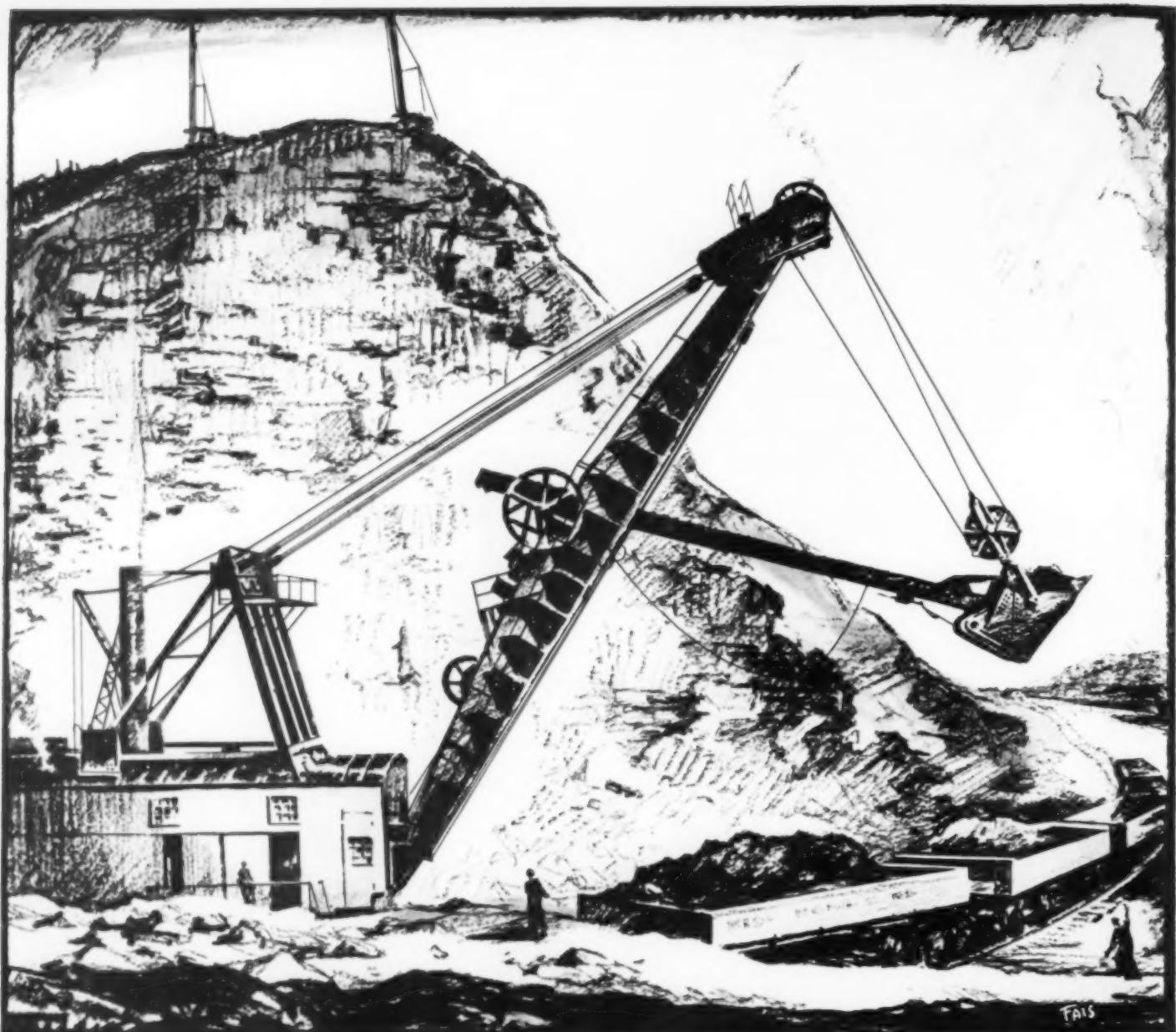
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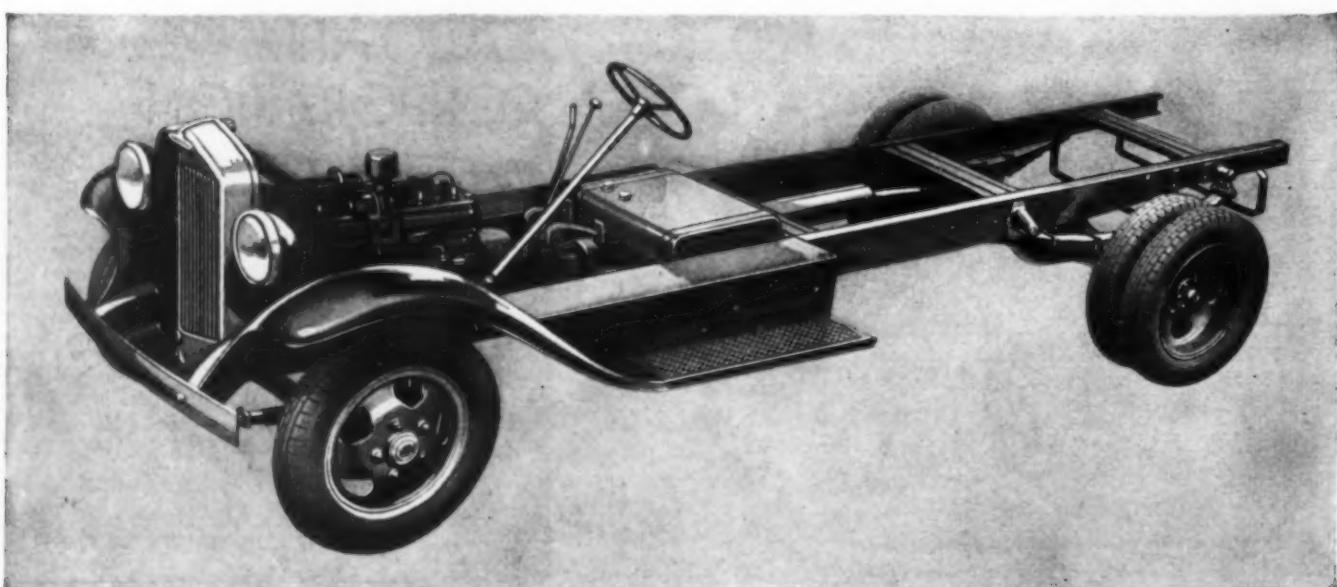
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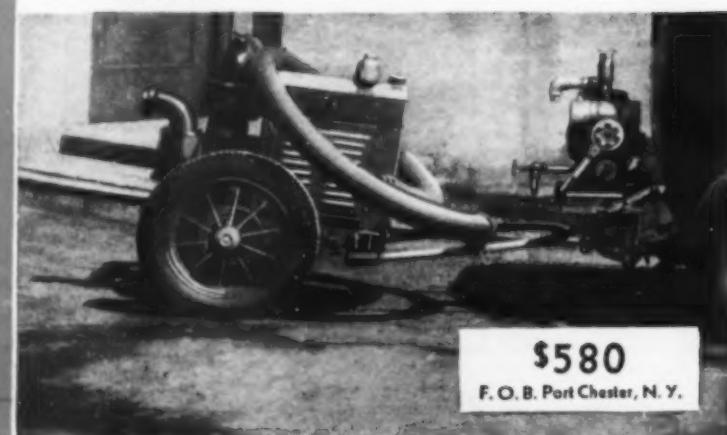
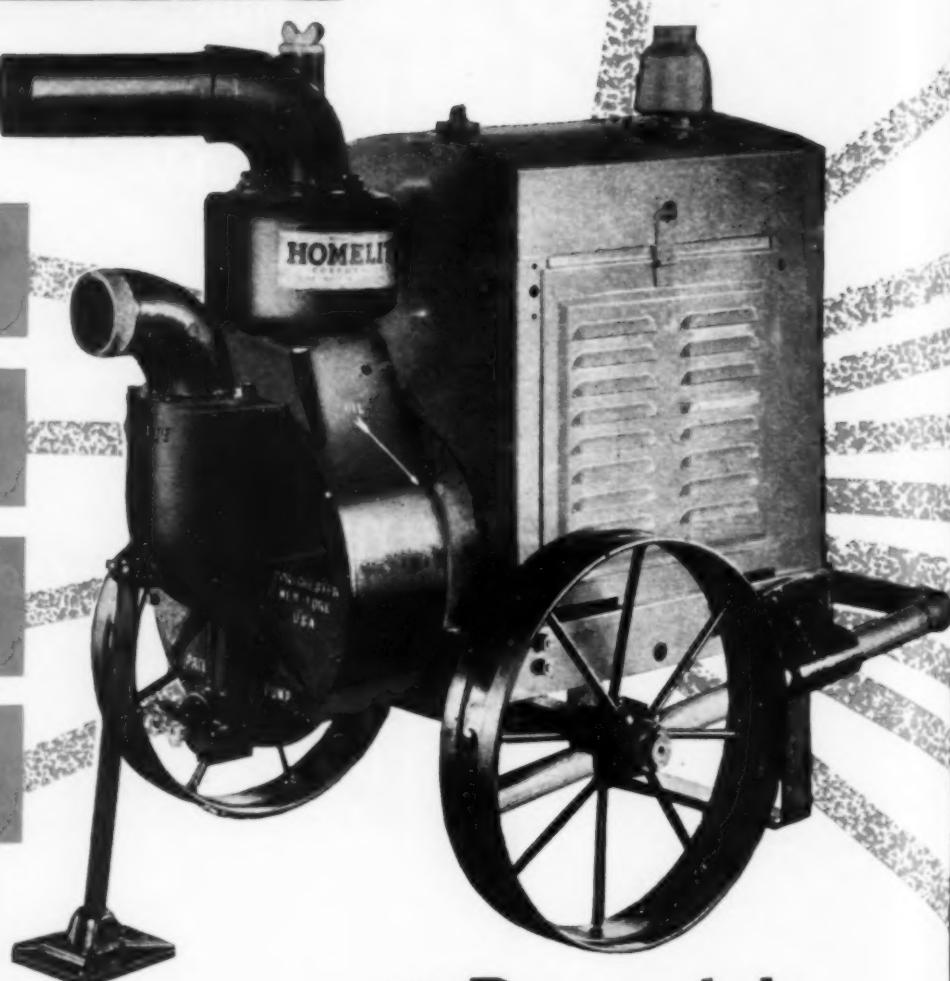
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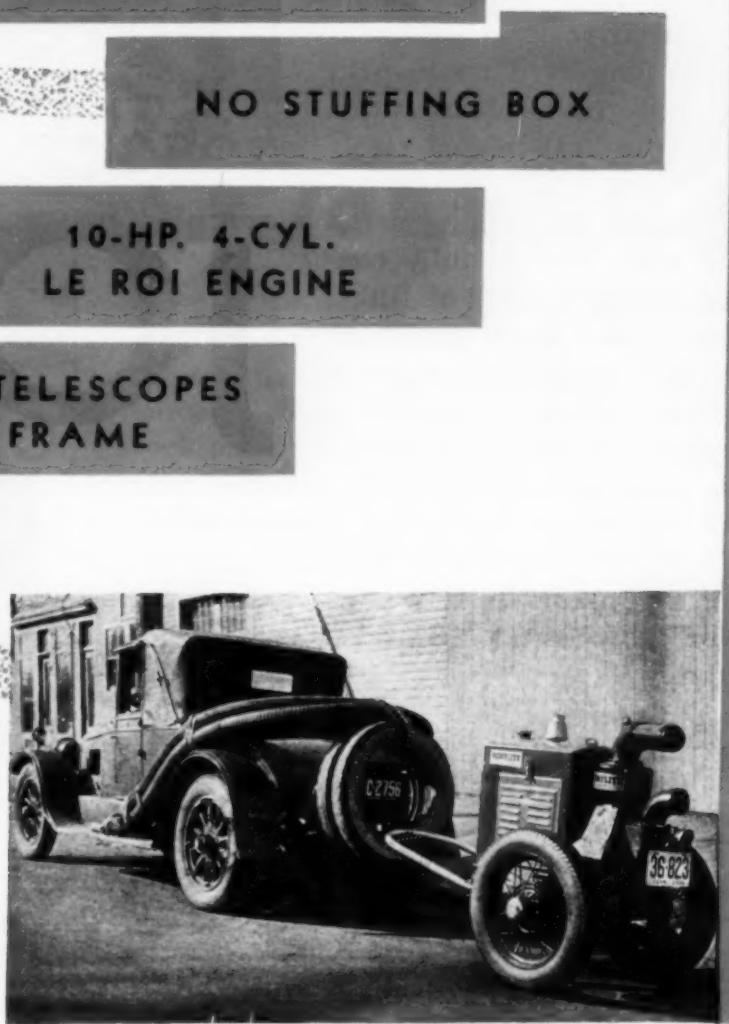
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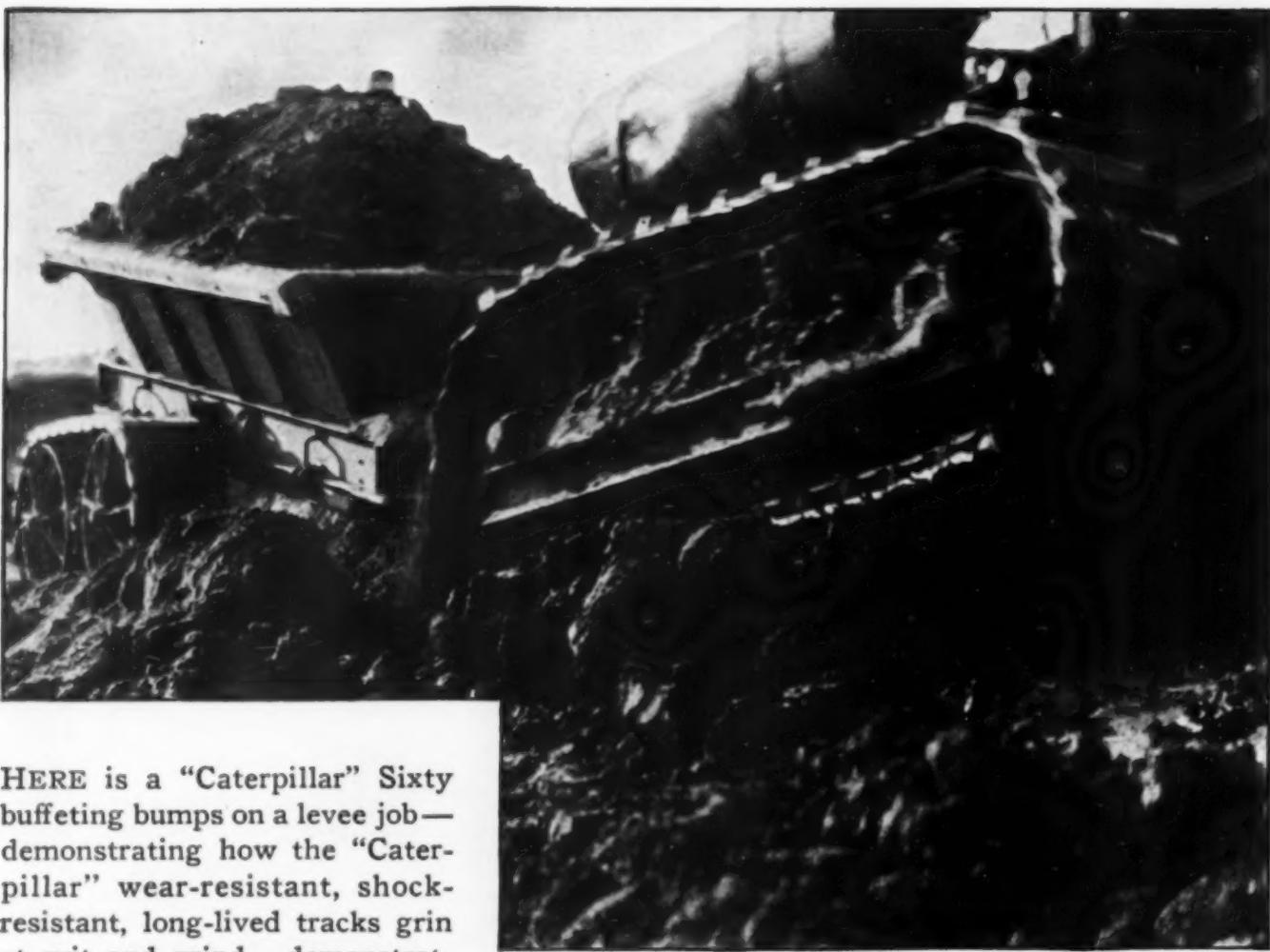
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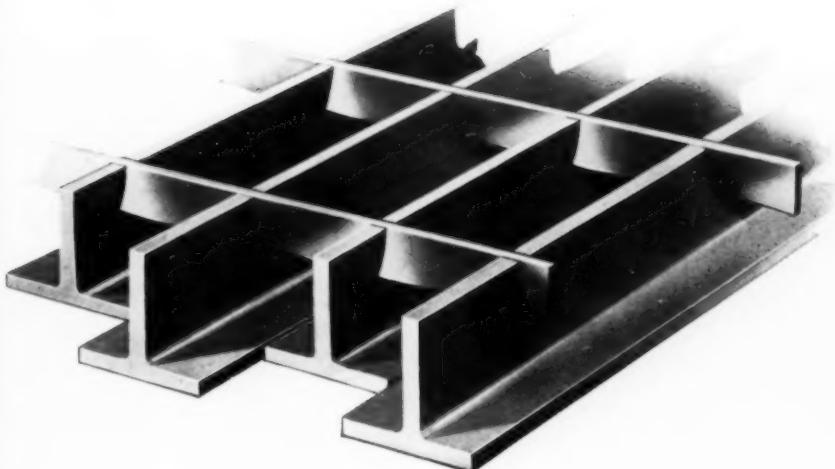
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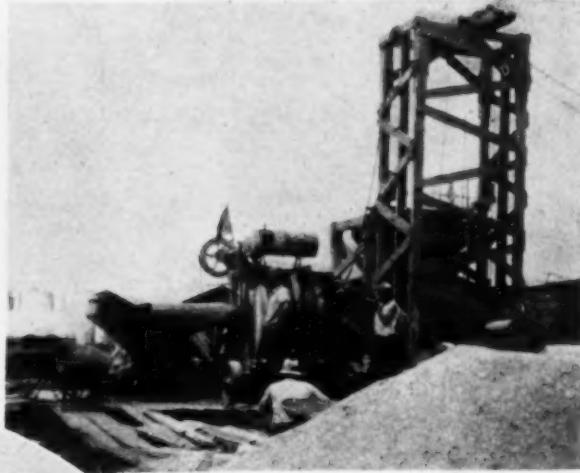
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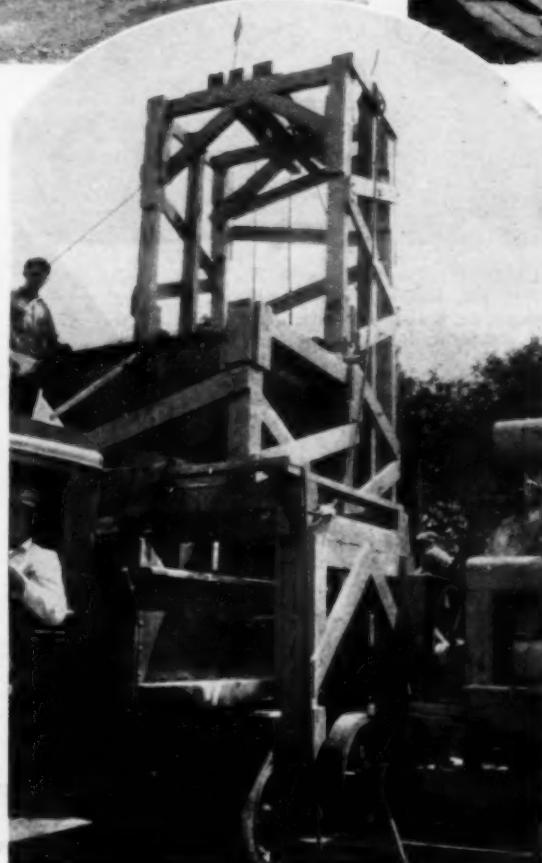
Central Mixing Plant for Pavement Repair Designed for Portability



IN REPAIRING concrete pavement on the two-lane roads in the vicinity of Chicago and East St. Louis, Ill., interference with traffic, caused by the mixers and material on the road, and to the repair crew, caused by the passage of vehicles, grew to such an extent that a police officer was required at points where the work was under way. In order to increase the efficiency of the maintenance work and to lessen the interference to traffic, a portable central mixing plant, built up around a two-bag-batch concrete mixer, was developed.

The plant consists of a wooden tower with dump bucket and gasoline hoist and a steel batch-box for the mixed concrete set high enough for a dump-body truck to be backed under it. The tower and batch box platform are made of 6x6-in. timbers securely fastened by 2x6-in. braces bolted on. The construction is so designed that the plant can be dismantled, moved on three 3-ton trucks and erected in a day's time.

The maximum haul of mixed concrete was 12 miles, the average haul



By FRANK T. SHEETS
*Chief Highway Engineer,
Department of Public Works, Illinois*

3 to 5 miles. The working crew consisted of 5 men at the mixer, 15 men tearing out and hauling away old concrete and preparing subgrade, 2 men finishing the patches on the road and 1 man hauling material at the plant. Two 3-ton dump-body trucks were used for hauling the mixed concrete from the plant to the repair patches on the road. Three trucks were used for cleaning up and hauling away the old concrete and a 120-cu.ft. air compressor and 100-lb. pneumatic pavement breaker were used for tearing out old pavement. An average of about 150 sq.yd. per day was put in and the average time from the mixing of the concrete until it was placed on the subgrade was 20 min.

The use of the plant was made economical by reason of the amount of repair work which could be done within reasonable distance of the set up. Its use on incidental or widely separated small jobs would not be economical. The aggregates were proportioned by weight according to the Illinois mortar void method of mixing concrete.

This Month's “News Reel”

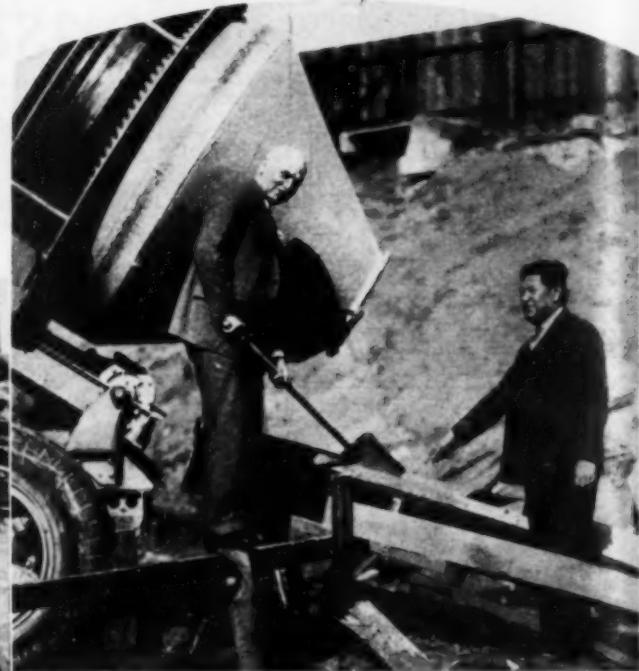


POURING OF THE CONCRETE ARCHES for the \$4,000,000 Westinghouse Memorial Bridge at East Pittsburgh, Pa., is under way by Booth & Flinn Co., contractor. Structure, 1,524 ft. long, consists of five arches, the largest having a record-breaking span of 460 ft. between pier centers.

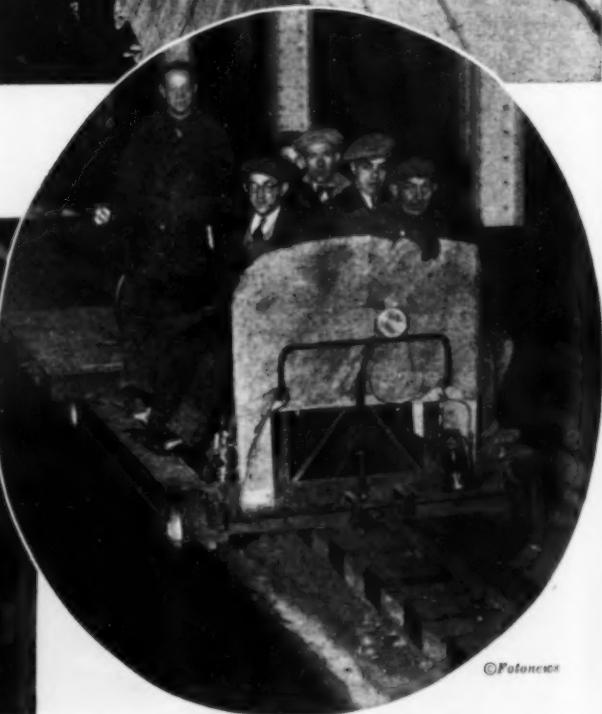
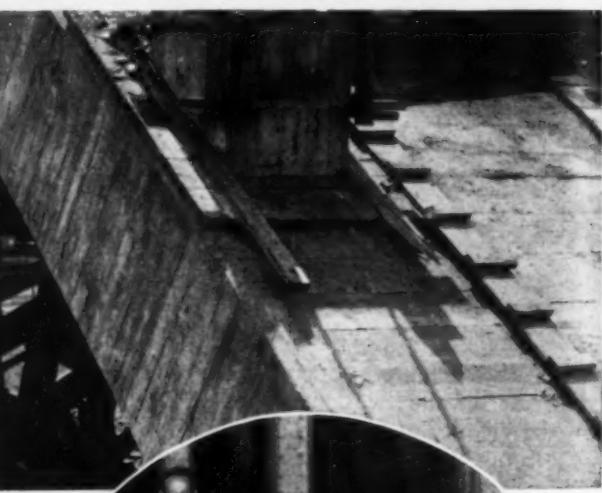


DETROIT GETS ROAD SHOW. Charles M. Upham (right) informs Governor Wilber M. Brucker of Michigan (left) and Fred Wardell, Detroit committee chairman (center), of American Road Builders' choice of convention city for 1932.

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FIRST CONCRETE enters foundation for San Francisco's War Memorial, provided for by \$4,000,000 bond issue. Mayor Rossi (*left*) and Louis J. Cohn, contractor, guide discharge of truck mixer.



NEW SUBWAY under Eighth Avenue carries first train on newly installed tracks under New York City's streets.

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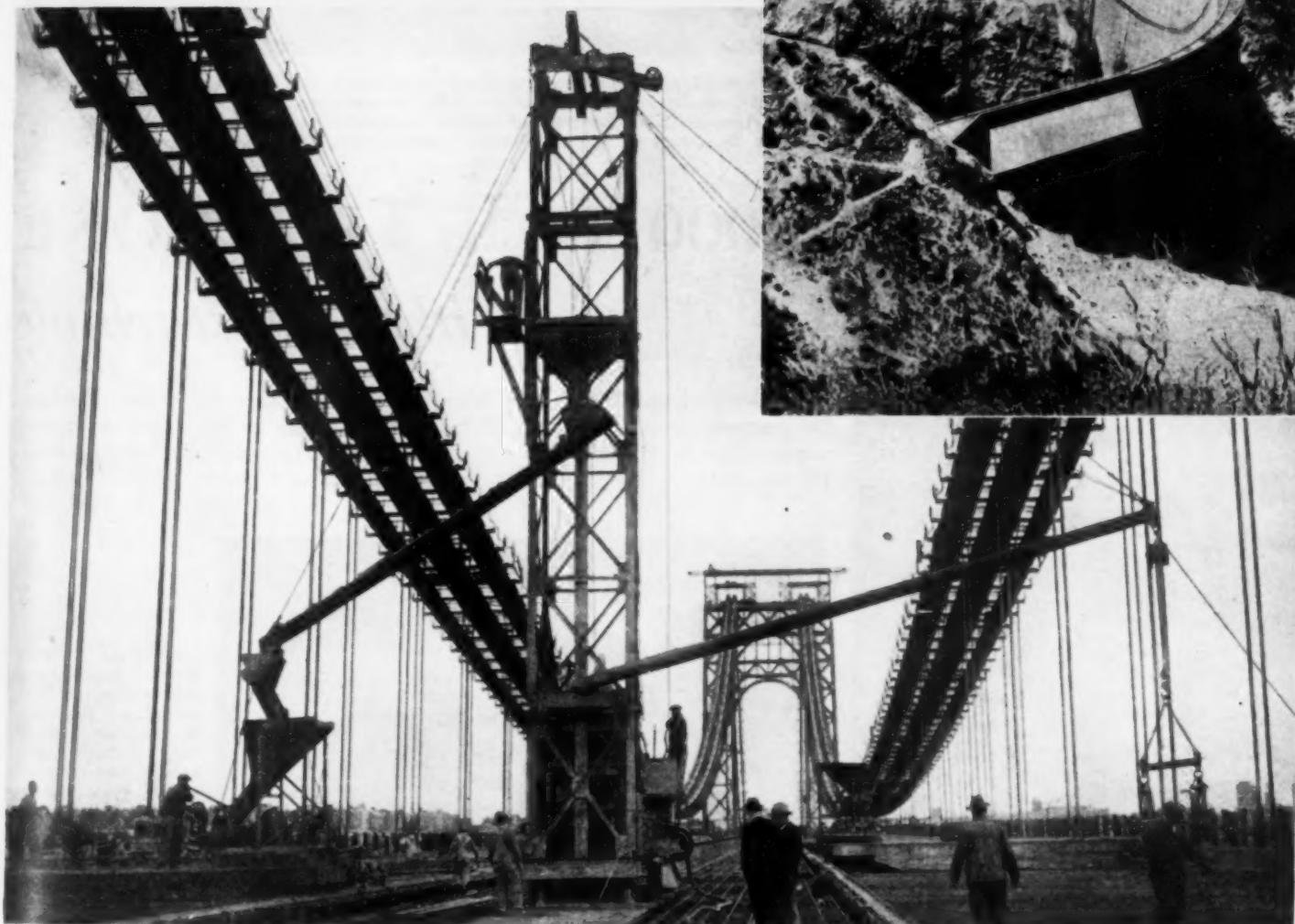
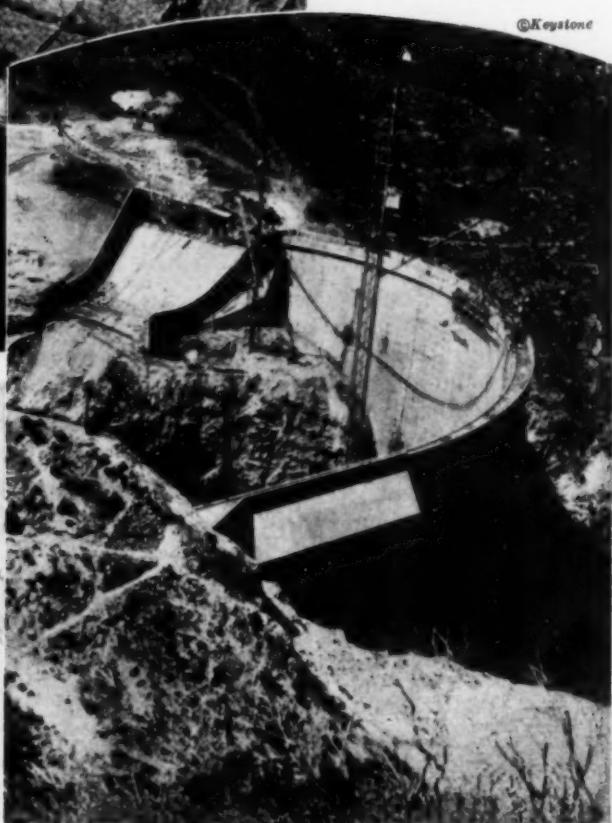
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NIGHT WORK helps to speed progress on Pacific Gas & Electric Co.'s Salt Springs dam on Mokelumne River, Calif. Rock-fill structure 330 ft. high, largest of its type in the world, contains 3,000,000 cu.yd. of granite.

BIG TUJUNGA DAM (below), newest unit in Los Angeles County's flood-control project, nears completion in California. Arch type structure, 200 ft. high above streambed, contains 90,000 cu.yd. of concrete, placed by Edwards, Wildey & Dixon Co., contractor.

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CONCRETE ROADWAY is being placed on suspension bridge across the Hudson River between Ft. Lee, N. J., and New York. Two 28-ft. lanes will carry traffic. Corbett Concrete Corp., of New York, is the contractor for the paving. Concrete, delivered by industrial railway on bulb beams of bridge floor system and placed on collapsible steel-pan forms, is vibrated with special hammers.

WITHOUT disturbing in the slightest degree the regular business of telephone exchanges and offices, the John Eichleay, Jr. Co. of Pittsburgh, under subcontract with Leslie Colvin, last fall lifted, moved laterally, rotated, and set on new foundations the 11,000-ton, steel-frame Indianapolis headquarters building of the Indiana Bell Telephone Co. Essentially, the scheme of operations consisted in: (1) paving the area involved with a level concrete mat covered by a timber cushion carrying steel rails, (2) riveting brackets to the building columns and jacking up the structure by means of powerful screw jacks (needle beams being placed under the brackets), and (3) transferring the column loads to rollers and moving the building in the desired direction with the screw jacks, aided, during rotation, by block and tackle connected to a hoist engine.

Plans for Moving Building—As indicated by the aerial photograph, the telephone company owned two buildings occupying diagonally opposite corners of a valuable lot in the downtown section of Indianapolis. The headquarters building, which occupied the more desirable location, in the northeast corner, fronted 101 ft. 3 in. on Meridian St. and 134 ft. 4 in. on New York Ave. In the southwest corner of the plot, the Lincoln-Riley building had a frontage of 50 ft. on Pierson St. and 96 ft. on Miami St.



FIRST MOVEMENT of telephone building is in straight line, parallel with rails under rollers, from right to left. Workmen are removing last truss of connecting bridge between headquarters building and Lincoln-Riley building preparatory to starting movement. Note radial white lines on rails, converging at pivot point.

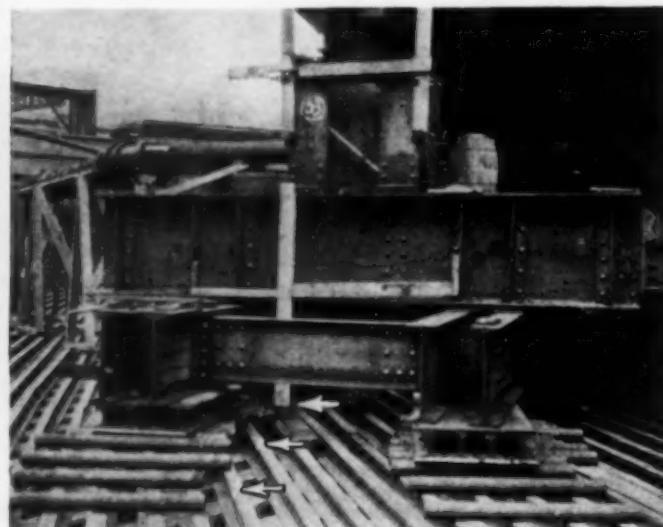
11,000-TON TELEPHONE *Without Disturbing*

The telephone company, faced with the necessity of enlarging its facilities, acquired the rest of the property in the block.

To make way for a new building on the Meridian St. frontage, it was desired to transpose the building from the northeast corner of the block to



BLOCK AND TACKLE connected to steam hoisting engine provide part of force needed for circular movement. Rails are laid to parallel direction of movement as closely as possible. Angle between rails and rollers is never allowed to be less than 45 deg.



VERTICAL STICK (left), attached to needle beams at corner of building, is pointer which must follow white arc painted on steel rails. Note temporary service pipe connection. All service lines are maintained in continuous operation during moving.

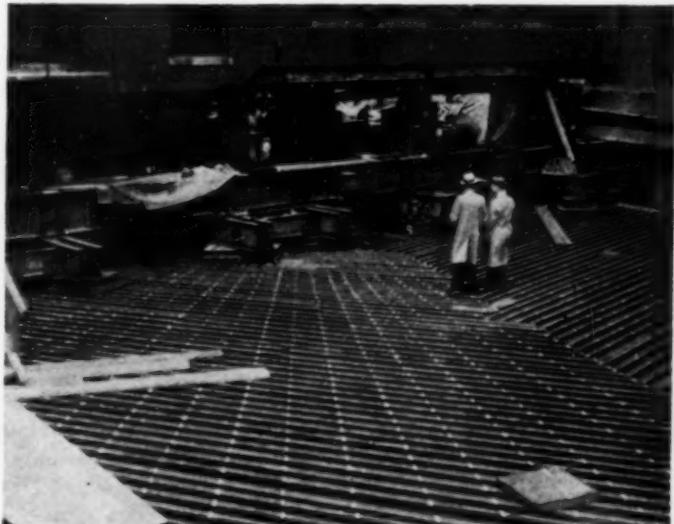


BUILDING ROTATES THROUGH 90 DEG. about pivot point near original southwest corner of structure. Curved bridge affords access to movable entrance bridge during this part of operation. During moving of building, telephone, light, water and sewer lines are maintained in service.

BUILDING TRANSPOSED *Normal Business*

the northwest corner and to rotate it through a 90-deg. angle, thus turning the New York Ave. façade to face on Pierson St. Trials with cardboard

models indicated that the most economical path to take in moving the building would be a straight move south for 52 ft. and a second rotary



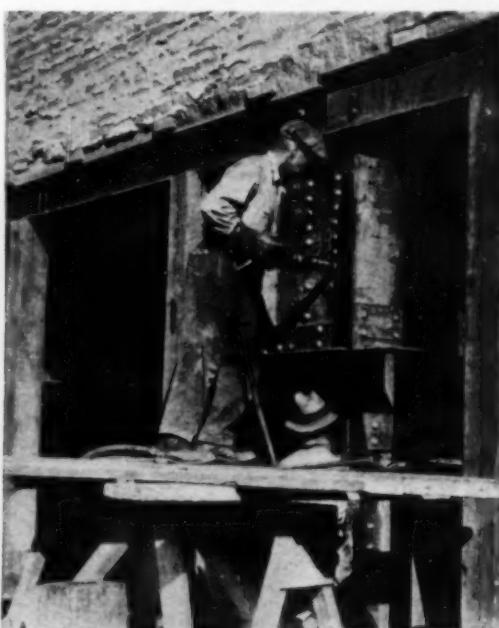
RADIAL LINES (right), painted on steel rails and intersecting at pivot point, indicate correct position of rollers. By sighting along these lines, workmen can correct any error in direction of rollers.

motion about a pivot point near the southwest corner of the structure. This plan required the building to be lifted only once to change the alignment of the shoes and rollers from a straight to a circular path.

Preparation for Moving—Leslie Colvin laid a 6-in. concrete mat over the area to be traversed by the building during the moving operations. Great care was exercised in finishing this mat to bring the top to an accurate level. Over the concrete mat, the moving contractor laid a cushion of 6x8-in. Douglas fir timbers, laid flat on 16-in. centers, with the ends of the timbers overlapping. On the timbers was placed a system of 85-lb. tee-rails, spaced on 9-in. centers. The rails were laid to parallel as closely as possible the direction of motion of the rollers and in no case formed an angle of less than 45 deg. with the rollers.

Structural Design—At the request of the John Eichleay, Jr. Co., the steel-work to support and stiffen the building was designed on the basis of using four rolling surfaces at each column. To each column was riveted a pair of I-beam brackets. The I-beam brackets were installed in vertical position, and their bottoms were milled to bear on a pair of needle beams, with the flanges of the I-beam brackets bearing directly above the webs of the needle beams. Under the needle beams supporting the columns of each east-and-west row were two pairs of continuous beams which transferred the load, through groups of four 80-lb. rails, to the 3-in. steel rollers. The rollers rested directly on the 85-lb. rails laid on the 6-in. timbers.

To accommodate the jacks used in



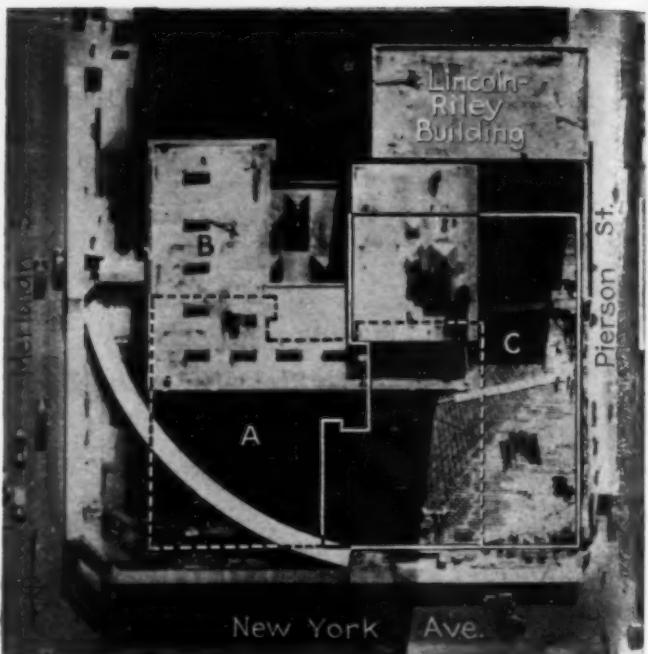
I-BEAM BRACKETS are riveted to columns. Bottoms of I-beams are milled to bear on needle beams.

lifting and lowering a column, the needle beams extended several feet beyond the continuous I-beam girders. To stiffen the steel work in a north and south direction, pairs of 12-in. channels were placed between the ends of needle beams under adjacent columns. Diagonal bracing in each panel equalized lateral strains and prevented distortion.

Transferring Load to Rollers—It was necessary to raise a column only $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ in. in order to transfer the load from the base to the rollers. Four Duff ratchet screw jacks of 100-ton capacity lifted each column. As it was impractical, because of the number of jacks and men required, to raise all the columns at once, the contractor jacked up from four to six at each operation, with satisfactory results.

Lateral Movement—Although the moving force used in designing the steelwork had been estimated at from 300 to 400 tons, the actual moving

THREE POSITIONS OF BUILDING (right). A (indicated by broken lines), original position; B, second position, at end of lateral movement; and C (marked by solid lines), final position, after completion of circular movement.



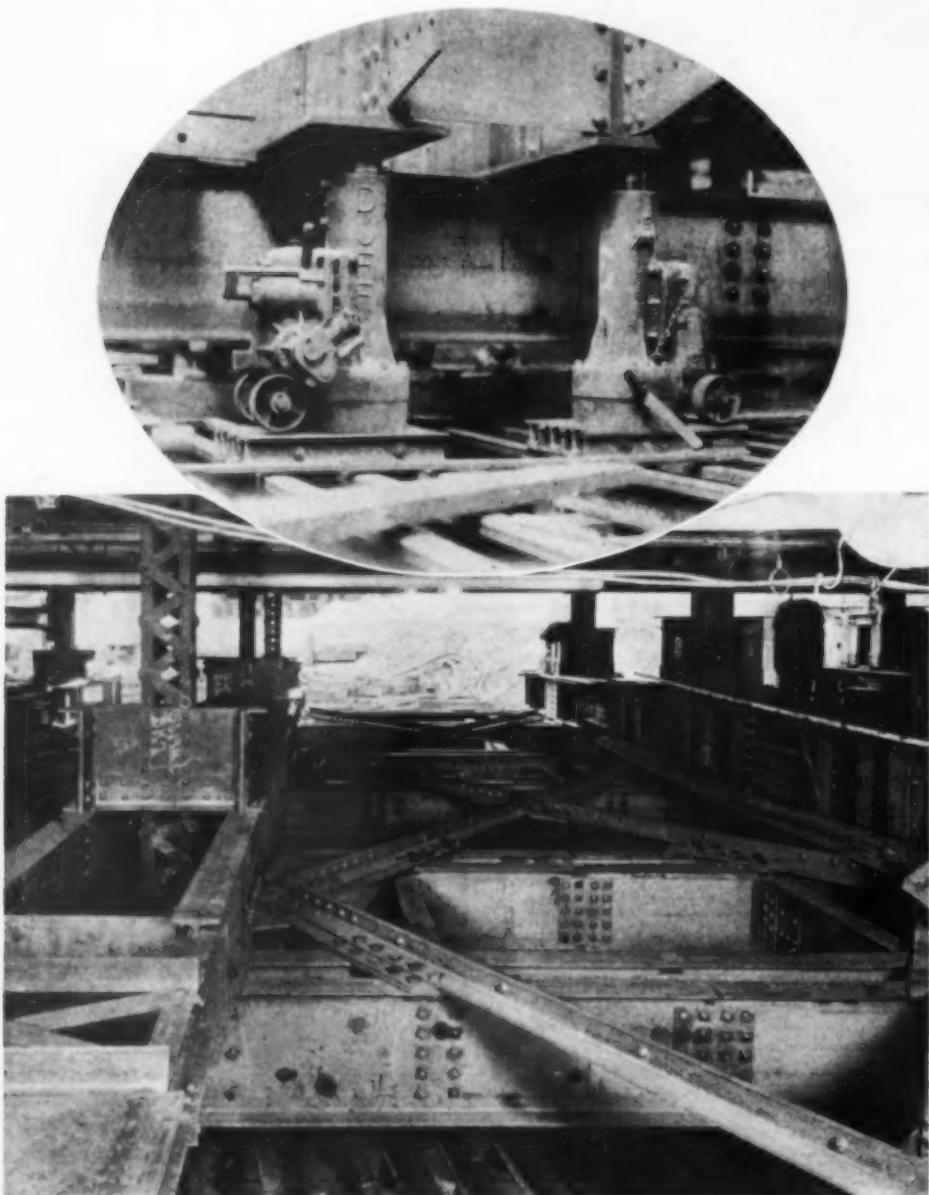
force proved to be much less, amounting to only $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 per cent of the vertical load. The first move, in a straight line south, was completed in four days.

Eighteen Duff 100-ton ratchet screw jacks distributed along the north face of the building supplied the moving force. Each jack exerted a pressure of 10 to 12 tons. The jacks were placed against blocking on the sides of the supporting steelwork and were braced back against the sidewalk vaults and steel sheet piling.

To keep a uniform movement and pressure at all jacking points, the jack operators were instructed to take an equal number of strokes on the lever after each whistle signal blown by the foreman. The jacks had a run-out of 12 in. As soon as they had been extended to their limit, they were reset for the next shove. A gang of men watched the rollers and reset them as the building advanced.

Circular Movement—Before beginning the circular movement, the columns had to be lifted and the rollers and shoes readjusted to travel on an arc. The contractor located the pivot point on the steel rails and on the basement ceiling, described a circle about the pivot point, and suspended a couple of plumb-bobs from the ceiling to travel on the circle as the building rotated.

In addition to the markings at the pivot point, white lines were painted on the steel rails to describe the path of the corners of the building. Pointers attached to the building at the corners followed these arcs when the movement was taking its true course. When any deviation was indicated, workmen brought the building back to the desired course by "cutting" the



STRUCTURAL FRAMING braces columns in all directions during movement. Temporary steelwork amounts to 600 tons. RATCHET SCREW JACKS (in oval), under needle beams, lift column to permit placing of shoes and rollers.

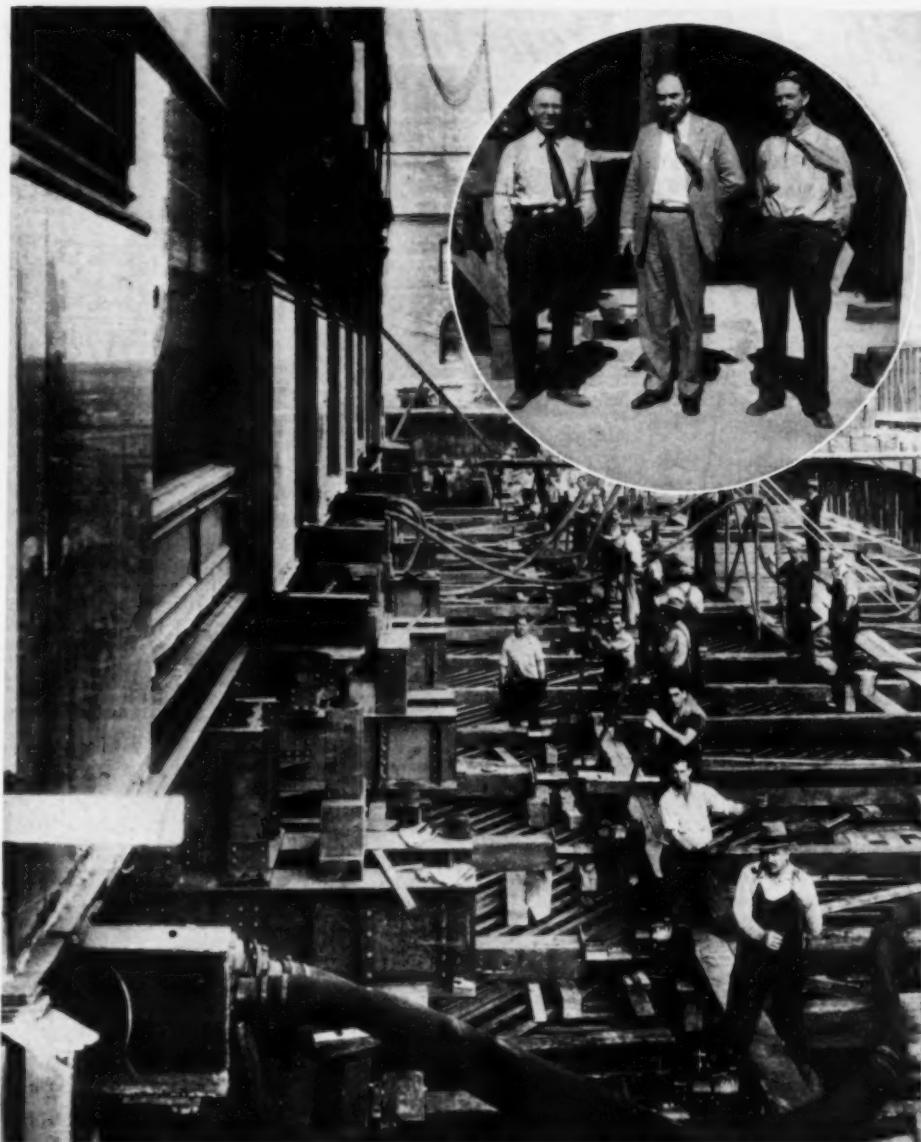
supporting rollers with sledge hammers.

It was necessary to place the rollers radially to make the circular move. E. Dauenhauer, moving engineer for the John Eichleay, Jr. Co. evolved the method of painting radial white lines on the steel rails to gage the correct direction of the rollers. In combination with the arcs painted along the path followed by the corners of the building, the radial lines enabled the contractor to move the structure without deviating at any time more than 1 or 2 in. from the true course. For the last 20 ft. the maximum variation was only about $\frac{1}{4}$ in. When brought to its final position, the building was only $\frac{1}{16}$ in. from designed location.

The length of the longest arc described by the building in the circular movement was 224 ft. A large part of the force required in the moving operation was supplied by a steam hoist engine from which two sets of 6-sheave block and tackle were connected to the building. The hoist engine exerted a total force of probably 60 tons through the two sets of block and tackle. Ratchet screw jacks distributed along the east side of the rear wall supplied the rest of the force necessary for moving. The number of lever strokes taken by the operators of these jacks was varied in accordance with the distance from the pivot point.

After 5 days spent in making the adjustments and other preparations for the circular movement, the move itself was accomplished in 17 days.

Setting Building on New Foundations—The operation of landing the building on its new foundations was just the reverse of placing it on rollers. Five or six columns were jacked up at a time to a height sufficient to allow



EIGHTEEN JACK OPERATORS distributed along north face of building, work jacks in unison at signal from foreman. (In circle) LESLIE COLVIN (center), general contractor; Ed Brown (left) in charge of iron workers for John Eichleay, Jr. Co.; and Fred A. Dauenhauer (right), foreman, John Eichleay, Jr. Co.

replacement of the cast-iron pedestals, and grout made with quick-setting cement was forced between each base and the top of its foundation. The work was done progressively to avoid unnecessary strains in the structure.

Maintenance of Building Services—During the moving of the building, telephone exchanges and offices continued to operate as usual. To maintain telephone service, seven 200-ft. lengths of armored submarine cable were spliced into the lines where they left the building. These cables were pulled along with the building. Gas, water, sewer, and steam-heat lines were maintained in service by installing hose connections in multiple, with by-pass valves which allowed lengthening or shortening of the hose without closing the line. Aerial connections of sufficient length provided for uninterrupted electric-power service. Elevators continued to operate, stopping at the first floor.



RATCHET SCREW JACKS provide force for moving building. At signal given by foreman, who blows whistle, each jack operator takes assigned number of strokes on lever arm.

Occupants of the building could not feel the slow, steady motion, nor was the movement perceptible to casual observers.

Engineering—Those responsible for the development of the moving plan were F. A. Montrose, vice-president and general manager, Vance Oathout, chief engineer, and E. B. Webb, building and equipment engineer, Indiana Bell Telephone Co.; Vonnegut, Bohn & Mueller, architects, Indianapolis; and F. F. Voorhees, of Voorhees, Gmelin & Walker, New York, consulting architects for the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. Moran & Proctor and H. G. Balcom, consulting engineers, New York, investigated the feasibility of the plan and designed the foundations and structural features.

As mentioned before, Leslie Colvin, Indianapolis, was general contractor, and the John Eichleay, Jr. Co., Pittsburgh, was moving subcontractor, with E. Dauenhauer as engineer in charge.

Pipe-Line Men Improve Methods of Constructing Large Gas Transmission Mains

Part II

Bending and Laying Pipe

CONSTRUCTION of pipe lines up to 24 in. in diameter for transportation of gas from producing fields to markets hundreds of miles distant has served to emphasize the need for more economical field methods. As mentioned in last month's article, the operations of bending pipe and applying protective coating are two

examples of steps in the process of construction which consume an undue proportion of time. The first article of this series described the method of applying one kind of protective coating and making one type of welded joint. This month's article illustrates methods of bending large-diameter pipe, of ditching, of installing pipe couplings, of laying mains and of backfilling. The operations described in these articles were performed by two successful pipe-line contractors, Smith Bros., Inc., of Dallas, Texas, and Williams Bros., Inc., of Tulsa, Okla.

Machine Ditching—In soil free from rocks and boulders wheel-type ditching machines are the fastest, although recent developments in the ladder-type trenchers have made them capable of

nearly equal speed. The ladder-type machine has the decided advantage that it can continue to operate at a slower rate through rocky ground which would stop a wheel-type excavator. Under ideal conditions, a wheel-type trenching machine can cut a ditch 5 ft. deep and 36 in. wide at the rate of 600 ft. an hour. The maximum rate for



LADDER - TYPE TRENCHER of Williams Bros., Inc., excavates 5-ft. trench 32 in. wide in clay and sandy clay at rate of 360 ft. an hour, operating in third speed. In fourth speed, Parsons machine cuts 480 ft. an hour. These speeds are for good digging conditions, no allowance being made for slipping caused by rock.



TRENCH IN ROCK (right) requires large hand gang, air compressors, pneumatic tools, and dynamite. Trench hoes excavate broken rock for Williams Bros., Inc., on parts of line, saving much hand labor.



WHEEL - TYPE DITCHER of Smith Bros., Inc., cuts trench 6 ft. deep by 36 in. wide through clay and sandy clay on uphill grade at about 200 ft. an hour. Each of three Buckeye wheel-type excavators on this section averages 3,500 ft. of 5-ft. ditch 36 in. wide in 12 hours. Maximum possible rate for one machine is 600 ft. per hour.

BENDS IN PIPE (right) to conform with changes in grade and alignment of trench must be made in field just ahead of laying gang. Smith Bros., Inc., details one crane to line up pipe along ditch ahead of laying gang.

TO BEND PIPE (below) spreader block is placed between two pipe sections, and pipes are lashed together at one end.



breakers. It is the usual practice to drill, load and shoot a long line of ditch in one operation.

Bending Pipe—Field methods of bending pipe, although effective for all diameters, require too great an expenditure of time and labor when applied to 24-in. and slightly smaller sizes of pipe. As illustrated by the photographs, the process consists of (1) heating the pipe at the point where it is to be bent and (2) drawing one end of the pipe the desired distance from the tan-

IMPROVISED WINCH (below) for bending pipe. Two pipe wrenches and one end of block and tackle can be seen.



this size ditch with a ladder-type machine is generally less than 500 ft. an hour.

Hand-Ditching—In rock, the pipeline contractor is forced to resort to using large gangs of hand labor, with pneumatic tools and explosives to break the rock for removal. Portable gasoline-powered compressors supply the air to operate drills and paving

TWO OIL BURNERS heat portion of pipe for bending. Fuel tank is filled with either kerosene or distillate, and portable compressor supplies excess air to burners. Shield directs heat against pipe.



AFTER HEATING PIPE, gang bends it by means of block and tackle connecting divergent ends of two pipe sections. Workmen wind fall line of block and tackle on small pipe inserted in end of large pipe. One chain pipe wrench keeps this improvised winch from slipping while men on handle of second wrench wind up fall line, thus bending heated pipe toward them.

laying gang when building through rolling, plains country.

Pipe Couplings—Dresser couplings are specified to provide for expansion in the 24-in. mains of both the Continental Construction Company and the Missouri-Kansas Pipe Line Company, on which the two contractors were en-

TO HANDLE PIPE (left) while installing couplings, Smith Bros., Inc., uses Northwest crane with shortened boom. Pipe section 80 ft. long weighs about 7,200 lb.



gent by means of a block and tackle arrangement. From 20 to 30 minutes is needed to make a bend in a 24-in. pipe by this method, and a similar length of time must be spent in moving and setting up the apparatus for the next bending operation. The slow progress of the pipe-bending work makes it necessary for a contractor to keep two bending gangs ahead of the



PARTS of Dresser coupling (left): sleeve, rubber gaskets, collars, and bolts which draw collars tightly against sleeve.



COLLARS AND GASKETS (below) are pulled up against sleeve by tightening bolts. With coupling completed, pipe is ready for laying.



WHILE CRANE HANDLES ONE PIPE SECTION, workmen slip end of pipe into sleeve of coupling.



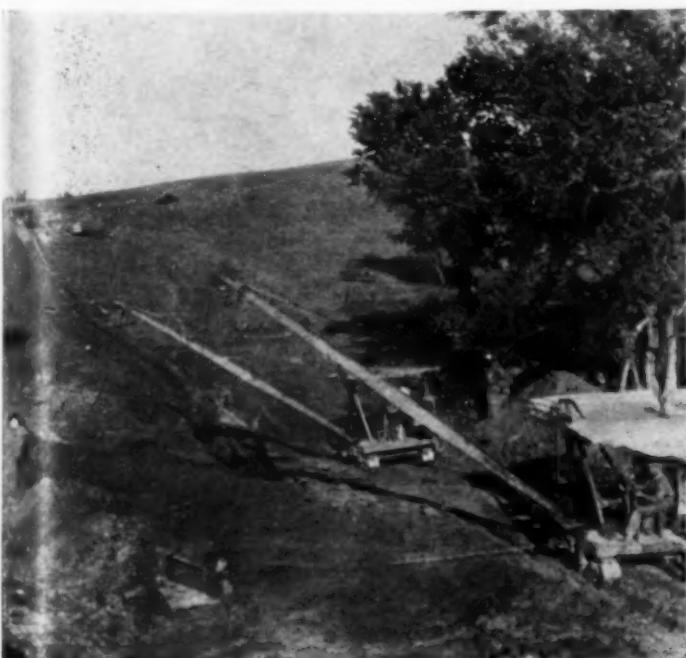
BOOM AND WINCH attachments (right) on two Caterpillar 30-hp. tractors support pipe behind coupling crew during laying operations. Miss Evelyn Foreman, daughter of Charles S. Foreman, general superintendent for Smith Bros., Inc., helps her father to supervise operations.



STEEL HORSES EQUIPPED WITH B. B. HAND HOISTS (left) lower pipe behind tractor outfits. Substitution of this equipment for old method of lowering by snubbing rope around cross member of welded tubular horse reduced cost of operation 50 per cent for Smith Bros., Inc. Tractors with side booms move horses.



TO COMPACT BACKFILL at highway crossing, Cleveland mechanical tamper hammers down each layer of earth as it is shoveled into trench by hand.



AFTER LAYING PIPE (left), contractor backfills trench with two Buckeye dragline machines.

steel horses equipped with hand hoists lower the main into the ditch after the pipe sections have been coupled together. Backfilling machines of the dragline type cover the pipe. Mechanical tampers often are employed to compact the fill at highway crossings and other places where a solid backfill is necessary.

NEXT MONTH
A multiple-main river crossing.

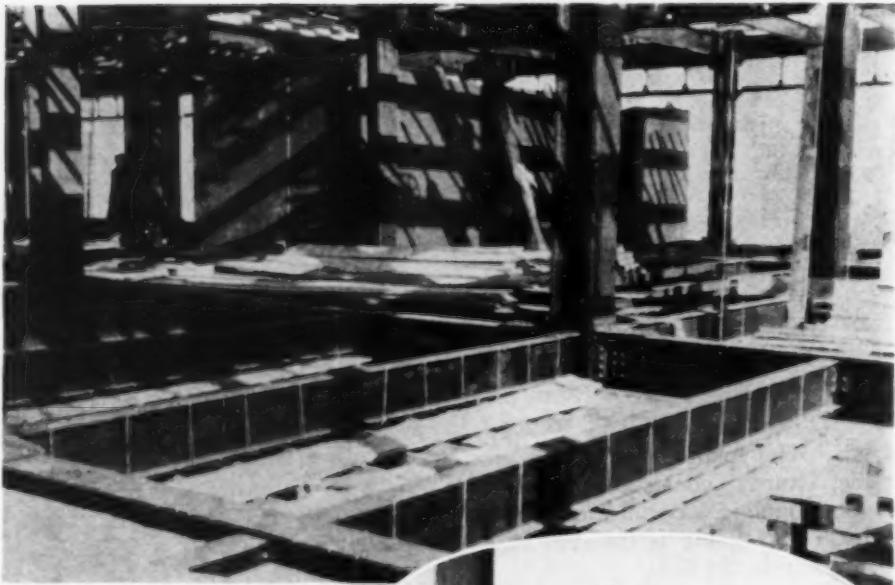
COLOR BUILT INTO SKYSCRAPER

**Part II—Horizontal Bands of Blue-Green
Glazed Terra-Cotta Blocks Form
Exterior Spandrel Facing on New
33-Story McGraw-Hill Building**



FOLLOWING closely behind the steel erectors, whose operations in building the structural frame of the new 33-story McGraw-Hill building at 330 West 42nd St., New York, were described in *Construction Methods* last month, came the crew which mixed and placed concrete for the floor slabs and around the girders and columns. The work was done by the Knickerbocker Fireproofing Co. under a subcontract with Starrett Bros. & Eken, Inc., general building contractors.

Concrete Floor Slabs—For the major portion of the steel frame, including the main tower starting at the sixteenth floor, the column spacing produces bays 18 ft. 2 in. x 21 ft. 10 in. For the floor system the girders are, for the most part (except on lower floors carrying heavy loadings) 22-in. I-beams supporting 14-in. I-beam floor joists, 7 ft. 3 in. on centers. The wood

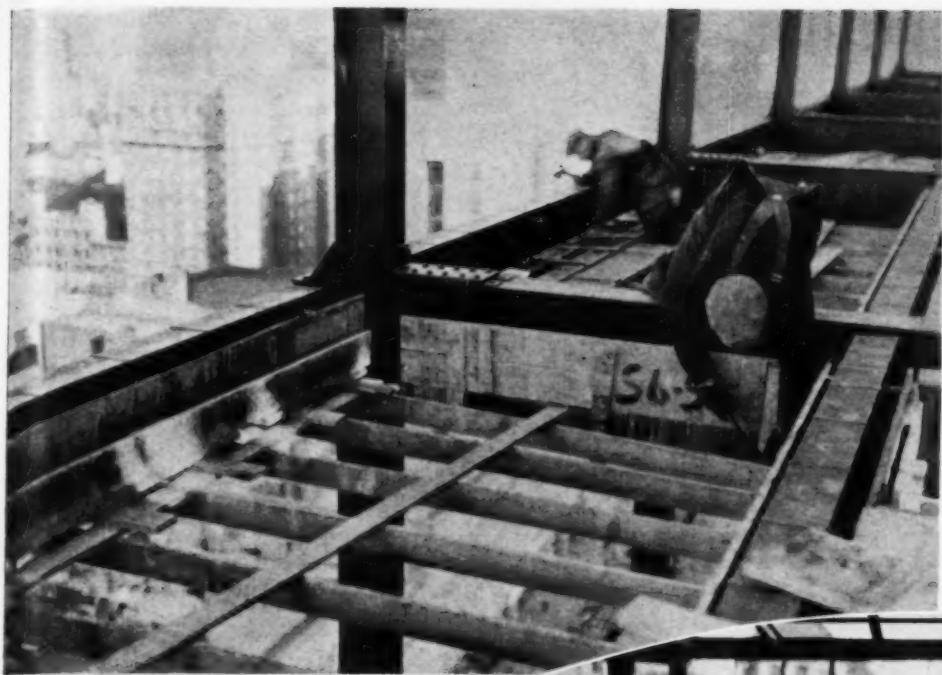


WIRE HANGERS (above) from I-beams support forms for concrete floor slabs, eliminating shoring on floor below.

DIAGONAL JOISTS (below) are placed to carry form decking.



WOOD FORMS are built up around steel I-beams of floor system to provide at least 2 in. of fireproof concrete covering.

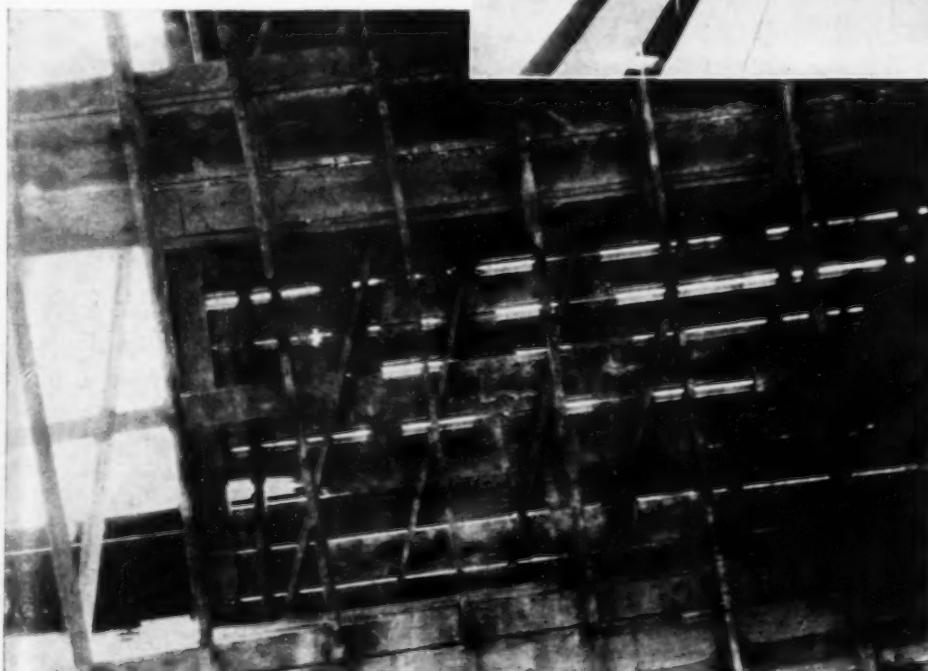


STARTING FORM WORK (above) and completing the decking (right) to carry the concrete for the floor slabs.

forms for concreting the floor slabs, therefore, were set up in panels generally 18 ft. 2 in. x 7 ft. 3 in.

Depending upon the floor loadings, two thicknesses of 1:2:5 cinder concrete floor slab were specified: 8 in. for the second to eighth floors, inclusive, carrying heavy mechanical plant, and 4 in. for the remaining floors, designed for office use. All floor slabs are covered by a 3-in. cinder fill and a 1-in. finished top surface.

Floor Forms—Wood forms for the concrete floors were suspended by wire



FROM UNDERNEATH, showing how joists wired to I-beams carry diagonals supporting form decking.

hangers from the steel joists and girders, leaving the floor below unobstructed by shoring. Across supporting timbers hung underneath the lower flanges of the steel I-beams timber joists were set on edge, diagonally, as shown in the illustration, on page 40, to carry the decks of the forms. This type of form work involves minimum nailing and is readily stripped after the concrete has set.

During the early stages of the floor work the subcontractor employed forms sufficient for four floors of the building. Later, forms for one more floor were added, making five sets in all. Forms were stripped usually three or four days after the slabs had been poured. The progress schedule called for the completion of floor slabs

for four stories of the building every week.

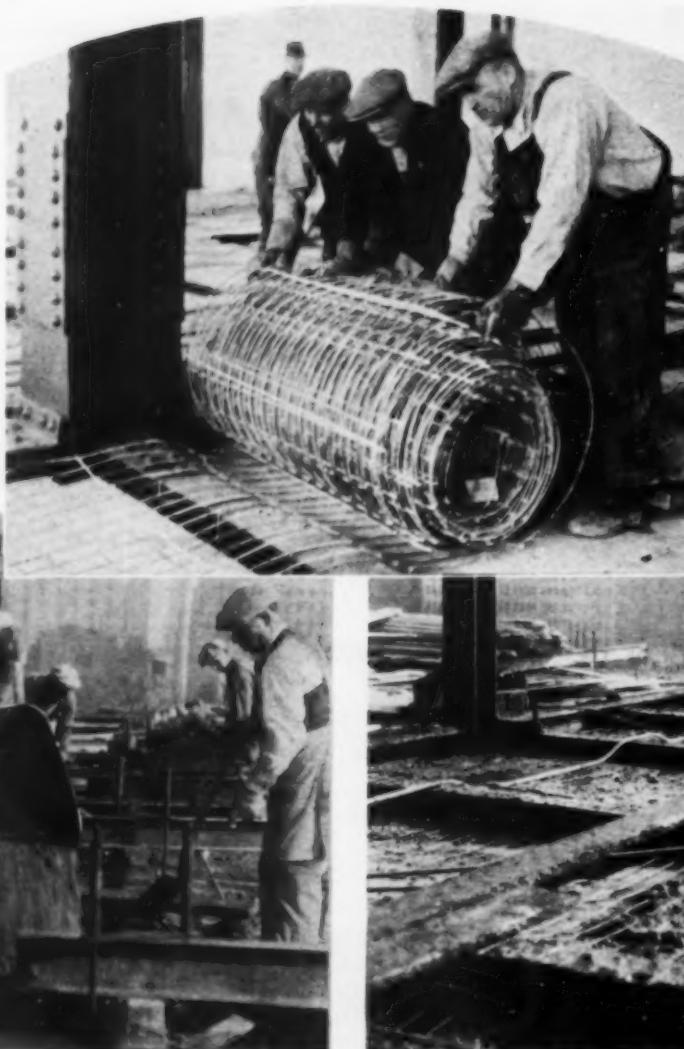
Concrete for floor slabs up to the sixteenth story was produced by two 1-yd. mixers in the basement, one being served by a 1-yd. bucket hoist extending to the top of the building, and the other by a three-wheelbarrow platform hoist carried up only to the sixteenth floor, where the floor area of the structure is reduced by setbacks to form the main tower. Above the sixteenth story all floor slab concrete was delivered by the 1-yd. bucket hoist.

Concrete was delivered to the slab forms in wheelbarrows over plank runways. Reinforcement consisted of welded wire mesh which was unrolled into place. All columns were encased in concrete poured into wooden forms held in place by clamps, and the bottom flanges and webs of steel floor joists and girders, to which soffit clips were

attached, also were fire-proofed by a minimum thickness of 2 in. of concrete.

The building is wired for all the motors necessary to operate the mechanical equipment of the McGraw-Hill Co. In the office floors underfloor ducts provide raceways for high and low tension wires to desks at any location on the floor.

Colored Terra Cotta Spandrel Facing—The dominant architectural feature of the McGraw-Hill building is the

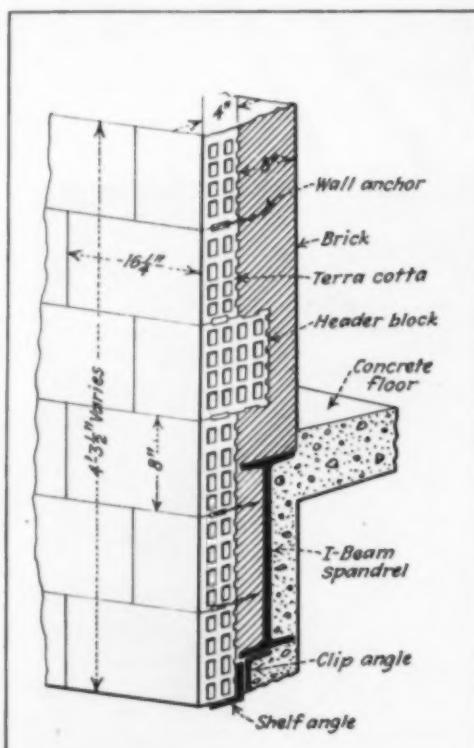


CONCRETING THE FLOOR SLABS with batches delivered by wheelbarrow from bucket hoist. STEEL REINFORCEMENT (above) of welded wire mesh is unrolled into place.

blue-green color of the four facades created by the use of glazed hollow terra cotta blocks as facing for the spandrels and the vertical piers on the east elevation. To provide a maximum of daylight on all floors, Raymond Hood, Godley & Fouilhoux, the architects, designed a building in which windows occupy 55 per cent of the wall area on the lower floors (where story heights are greatest) and 48 per cent on the upper floors. The percentage of window area to net floor area varies from 21.5 per cent for the lower floors to 53.5 per cent for the tower or office floors (above the sixteenth story).

The building exterior is in effect, a succession of horizontal stripes, the glass areas alternating with the bands of blue-green terra cotta.

To provide support for the exterior terra-cotta blocks below the level of each floor and also to form a connection with the top of the metal window frame, $3 \times 2\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ -in. shelf angles are shop-riveted at 3-ft. 6-in. intervals to angle-iron clips, which in turn are field-bolted to the lower flanges of the spandrel I-beams. In the horizontal



SPANDREL FACING, showing how blue-green terra cotta blocks are carried by I-beam and bonded to brick.

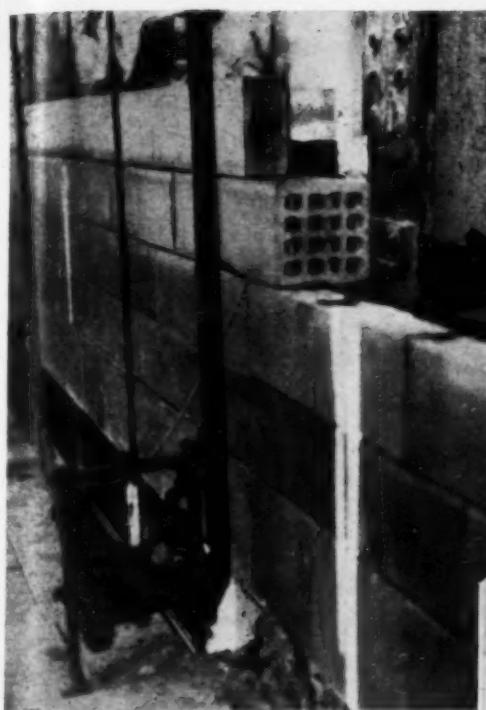
leg of each clip a pair of $2 \times \frac{1}{2}$ -in. slots carrying $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. bolts permit of adjustment to insure accurate alignment of the shelf angles.

The bands of blue-green glazed terra cotta around the exterior of the building, manufactured especially for this job at the South Amboy (N.J.) plant of the Federal Seaboard Terra Cotta Corp., of New York, vary slightly in width; most of them are 4 ft. $3\frac{1}{2}$ in., with a maximum width of 4 ft. $10\frac{1}{2}$ in. Each

band is made up of six courses of blocks, one of them of double-size header blocks. For the prevailing 4-ft. $3\frac{1}{2}$ -in. width of colored band the blocks in the top and bottom courses are $9\frac{1}{4}$ in. and the intermediate blocks 8 in. high. The blocks are all $16\frac{1}{2}$ in. long and 4 in. thick, except for the header blocks, which have a thickness of 8 in.

Under the supervision of E. A. Gibbons, masonry foreman for Starrett Bros. & Eken, Inc., the blocks were laid up in 1:3 mortar with a 50 per cent admixture of lime to produce a "fat," workable mixture. A backing of common brick forms a thoroughly bonded composite wall with a total thickness of 1 ft. Each terra cotta block is anchored to the brick backing by a pair of galvanized steel wall ties with corrugated surfaces to produce a secure bond with the mortar. Over the top and bottom flanges of the I-beam spandrels asphalt waterproofing membranes extend into the masonry work to prevent leakage through the completed wall.

The top and inside faces of each block carry a mortar-bonding groove while the ends are "feathered," a special



HEADER BLOCK of terra cotta spandrel facing has width of 8 in.; other blocks are 4 in. wide.

patented feature producing a line of saw-tooth indentations which, when filled with mortar, form a tightly locked joint.

How Blocks Are Made—The glazed terra cotta spandrel blocks are machine-made by extruding a clay mixture through dies and cutting off the blocks to the proper length. After drying, and before burning, the blue-green glaze color is applied to the outside surface and the blocks are then fired for about 100 hours in a kiln at high temperature (2,200 deg. F.). This operation of firing the terra cotta and



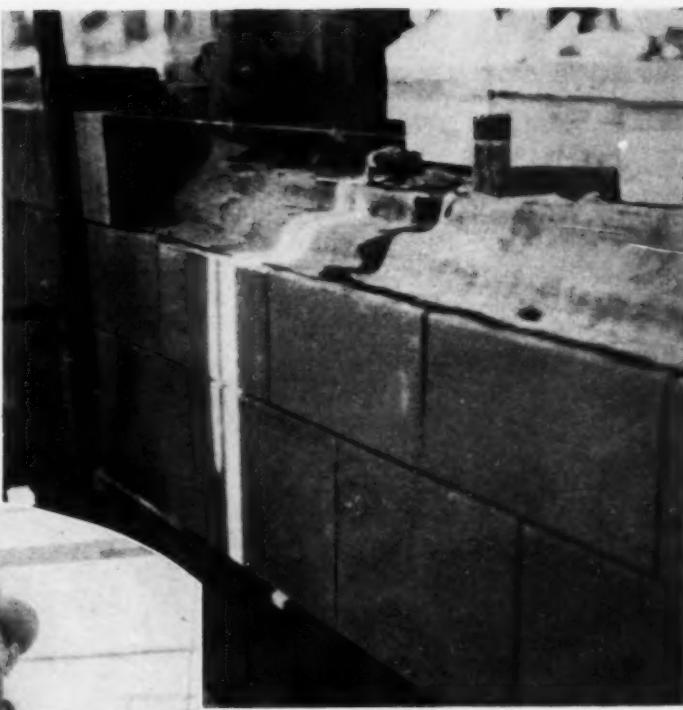
E. A. GIBBONS, masonry foreman for Starrett Bros. & Eken, Inc.

fusing the glaze color is carried on at a much higher temperature than is used for producing the ordinary hollow tile used in building work. After emerging from the kiln, the blocks pass through an automatic grinding machine which trues up the surfaces and insures accurate dimensions.

To prevent breakage during shipment from the factory at South Amboy, N. J., or while being unloaded and handled at the building, each block is individually encased in a corrugated pasteboard container, which is not removed until the masons are ready to lay the block in the wall. Designed generally for interior construction, these colored terra cotta blocks on the McGraw-Hill building represent the first large-scale use of this product as an essential structural element for the exterior of a skyscraper.



SHEET STEEL COVERING is applied to exterior columns and painted greenish-black, same color as mullions.



WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE is extended from brick backing into joints of terra cotta facing blocks.

Special Name Panel—Another unique application of special terra cotta blocks was made in the form of a name panel in three colors at the top of the structure where the words "McGRAW-HILL" are carried across both the north and south sides of the building in letters nearly 11 ft. high. Each letter of the company name is made up of a number of hollow terra cotta blocks hand-made from plaster molds and hand ground on the ends to produce true surfaces. The main body of each letter is white, with an orange-colored stripe inset by means of separate blocks. The letters are brought



SHELF ANGLES, bolted to spandrel I-beams, carry terra cotta blocks and form window lintels.

out in bold relief against a background of blue-green terra cotta beyond which the letters protrude 6 in. These name panel blocks, also the product of the Federal Seaboard Terra Cotta Corp., were of a wide variety of shapes and sizes, some of them (for the blue-green background) weighing as much as 400 lb., although most of the blocks were light enough to be handled by one man.

Like Solving Jig-Saw Puzzle—Obviously the sorting and setting of the panel blocks of various odd shapes and sizes presented the problem of a complicated jig-saw puzzle, calling for a high degree of skill and systematized delivery by Masonry Foreman Gibbons and his men. Each block was marked at the factory with a number corresponding to a key number on a plan.

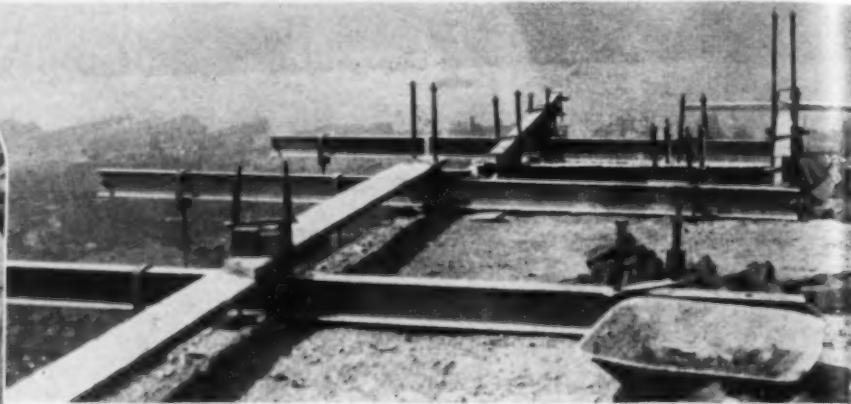
The blocks were delivered by motor truck to the ground floor of the building and there carefully unloaded, sorted and sent up to the top of the structure in the proper sequence for installation by the masons. As many of the pieces forming the letters were of special curved or skewed shapes breakage would have been a serious matter, involving long delay for re-



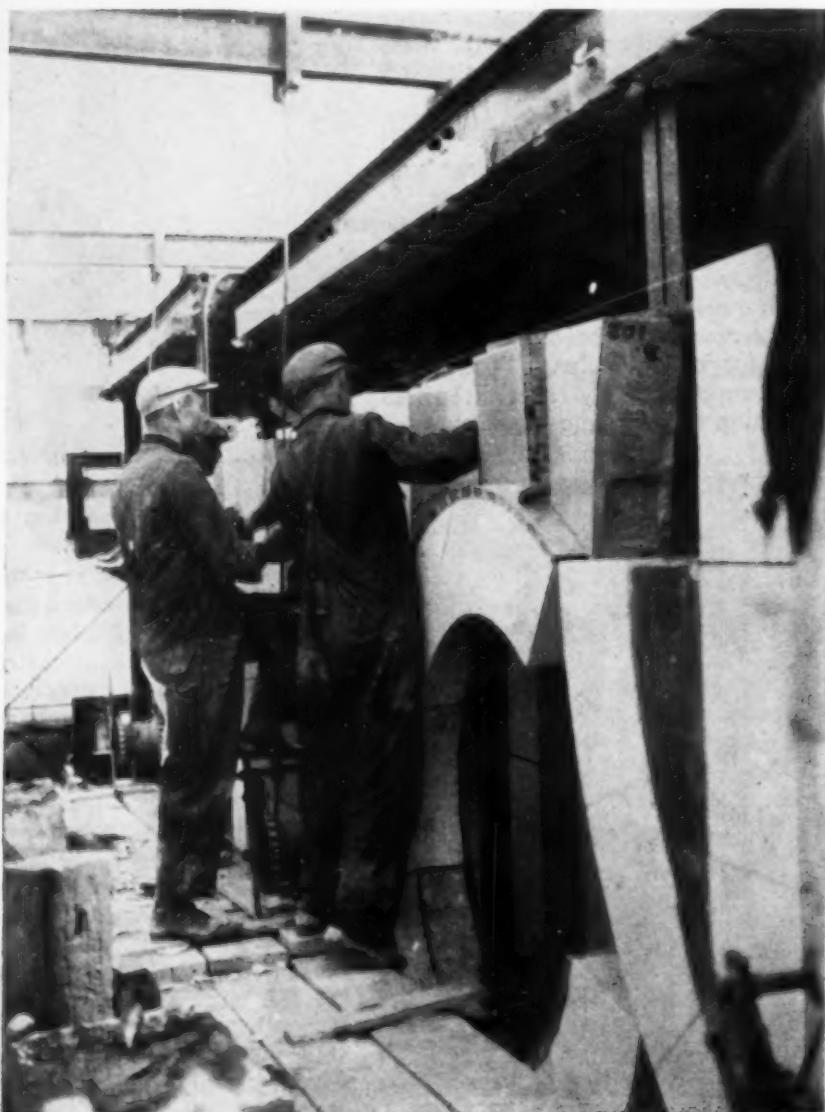
FLASHING of lead-covered copper sheets is applied to wall forming base of name panel.



NAME PANEL of special terra cotta blocks in white and orange protrudes from background.



THREADED BOLTS through concrete floor slabs anchor I-beams which carry the exterior masonry scaffolds.



MASONS on scaffold set terra cotta blocks of odd shapes and sizes to form name panel at top of building.

placements. Consequently extreme care had to be exercised in handling the pieces. At the factory they were packed in hay and after unloading at the job they were placed on cushions of hay in wheelbarrows which were raised to the top of the building in one of the platform hoists.

The accompanying pictures illustrate

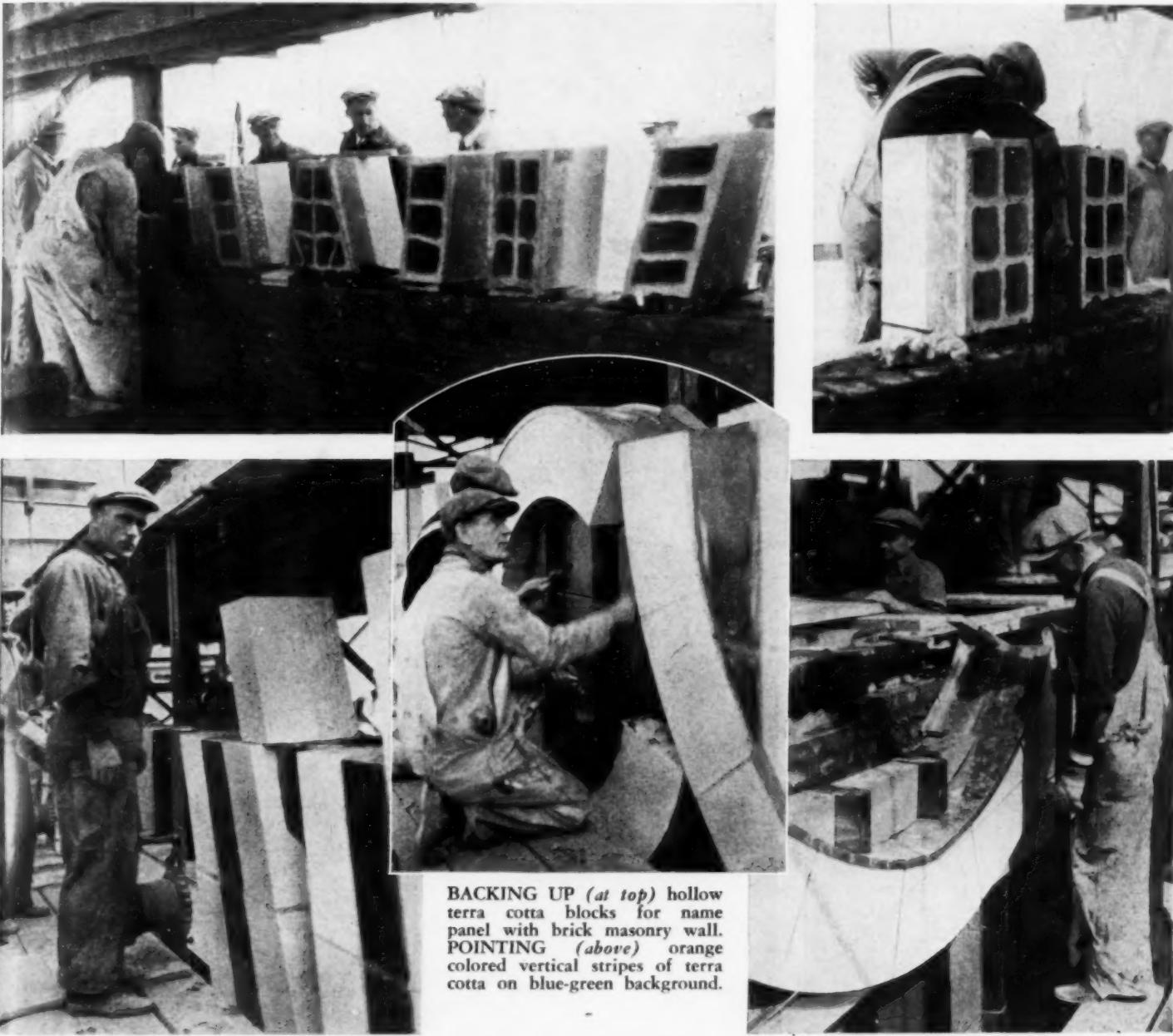
chrome enameled steel with bars of bronze and chromium.

The upper floors are serviced by four local and five passenger elevators with provision for additional elevators in both the local and express banks. The express elevators are of the full automatic, push-button, self-leveling type.

The entire 41st St. front of the

dred facing, are painted a greenish black, contrasting with the lighter blue-green of the terra cotta stripes.

The McGraw-Hill building was constructed by Starrett Bros. & Eken, Inc., from plans prepared by Raymond Hood, Godley & Fouilhoux, architects, with Lockwood-Greene Engineers, Inc., responsible for the design of the



BACKING UP (*at top*) hollow terra cotta blocks for name panel with brick masonry wall. **POINTING** (*above*) orange colored vertical stripes of terra cotta on blue-green background.

POCKETS in the 11-ft. high letters of the name panel are waterproofed by copper flashing.

SKEW-SHAPED BLOCKS of terra cotta are required for some of the letters in the name "McGraw-Hill."

the details of setting the name panel blocks. They are scored on their mortar faces and anchored to a brickwork backing by metal tierods. The openings in the backs of the blocks are filled with brick headers and mortar. At points where the contours of the protruding letters form pockets, lead-covered copper flashing strips are installed to exclude water from the wall.

Miscellaneous Features—The store fronts, building entrances and lobby of the new building are finished in poly-

building is designed for service and trucking. Wide openings allow eleven trucks to back against a loading platform. From the loading platform five freight elevators serve the basement and upper floors. A chute and conveyor system carry mailing bags and packages from the mailing room direct to waiting trucks at street level.

Windows are double-hung, without vertical mullions, in steel sash. Columns on the exterior of the building are faced with No. 12 gage steel sheets. The exterior surfaces of the columns and piers, forming vertical elements between the horizontal bands of span-

steel frame for the 33-story structure, fabricated by the American Bridge Co. For the contractors A. H. Peterson was superintendent and H. R. Root project manager responsible for delivery of materials to maintain progress schedules; other assistants on construction were T. Shearman, J. H. Rothrock and F. D. Clark. For the architects Norman B. Baker was representative on the job. E. C. Maxwell was resident engineer on steel erection for the Lockwood-Greene organization.

Step-by-Step

Salvaging Power Shovel

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WHILE grading a 1½-mile section of La Canada-Mt. Wilson state highway in California, a 1-yd. 34-ton gasoline shovel of the T. M. Morgan Paving Co. went over the edge of an earth fill and overturned after running 70 ft. down the slope. The rugged nature of the topography through which the route passes is indicated by the fact that grading for the 1½-mile length of 30 ft. wide road required the moving of more than 500,000 cu.yd. of excavated material. As the shovel started its descent, the operator jumped clear and was unhurt.



2 SALVAGE OPERATIONS start with the erection of a 40-ft. gin pole, guyed by wire cables.

Bids were requested from various wrecking companies for salvaging the shovel and that of Allen Bros., for \$800, was accepted. These contractors loaded salvaging equipment at their yard, 20 miles from the scene of the accident, one morning and after recovering the shovel, were back at the yard on the evening of the third day.

The major items used were: P&H 2-drum gasoline hoist mounted on a



1 OVERTURNED SHOVEL, weighing 34 tons, comes to rest after 70-ft. slide down slope of earth fill.



3 A-FRAME, of two heavy poles lashed together at top, is raised into position on plank grillages with aid of gin pole. Two 2-drum hoists are mounted on truck chassis.



4 FIRST HITCH made to upper crawler frame of overturned shovel. Hauling is done by two six-part purchases, one to A-frame and one directly to hoisting engine.

Field Methods

That Fell Down Slope

deep in the line of direct pull. A smaller anchor and a tree at right angles to the line of direct pull served as anchors for side guys.

The 40-ft. gin pole was first erected and with it the light 50-ft. pole was raised. The 40-ft. pole was then lowered, and the two heavy poles which were to form the frame and which were already lashed together at the top were raised. Their lower ends were placed on plank grills.

Two six-part purchases were used,



5 SECOND HITCH is made to forward end after shovel is turned right side up.



6 HEADED UP SLOPE. Crawlers turned in direction of pull and planks placed under treads.

one to each hoist. One of these purchases led from the top of the A-frame and the other led directly to a hoist.

The boom was removed from the shovel and the purchases were made fast to the upper crawler frame. The hoists were then started and the shovel was turned right side up. One pur-



8 PASSING THROUGH A-FRAME, shovel ends its steep climb up the slope of the embankment.

chase was now fastened to the forward end of the shovel, and the machine was turned until the treads pointed up the slope. Planks were placed under the treads and the hoists were started. The purchase which led to the top of the A-frame took part of the load off the treads and prevented their digging into the soft slope while the other purchase made a direct pull. The shovel moved easily up the slope and on reaching the top was passed through the A-frame and placed in the roadway.

The boom was then brought up. The shovel was found to have suffered little damage, except to the cab, and within about a week was at work again.

The grading contractor had his equipment insured by the U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co. under a policy covering damage by slides, upsets, falling rocks and fire. The underwriter paid for salvaging and repairing the shovel.



7 NEARING TOP of slope. Lines to A-frame relieved crawlers of part of weight of shovel while lines direct to hoist furnished direct pull.



9 BACK ON THE ROAD. Shovel suffered little damage except to cab and was back at work again in a week.



Progress Continues at

HOOVER DAM



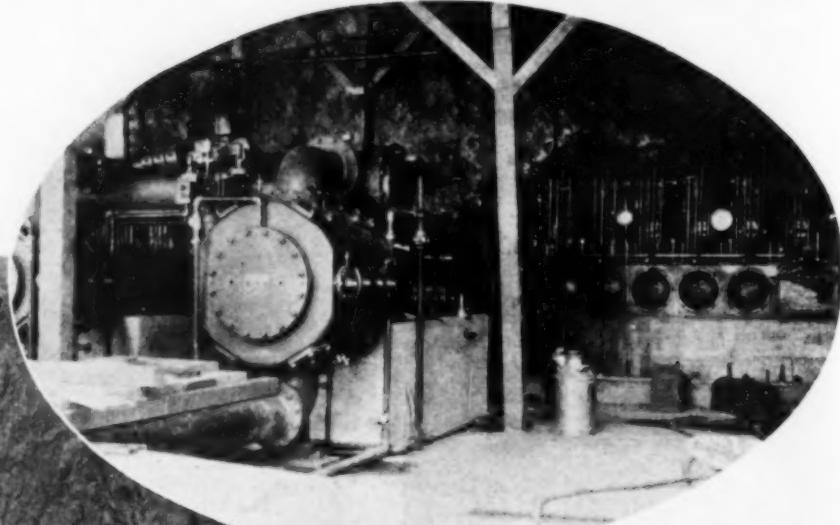
COLORADO RIVER CANYON, looking downstream from Arizona side, showing building to house air compressor plant for driving diversion and spillway tunnels and contractors' mess hall and bunk-houses, in lower right hand corner.

Photos by W. A. Davis
Las Vegas, Nev.

PORTABLE COMPRESSOR (right) for railroad construction along canyon near damsite is delivered by barge and hauled up steep incline by block and tackle to location about 100 ft. above water level in Colorado River.



FOR SURFACING HIGHWAY to Hoover dam General Construction Co. delivers gravel by belt conveyor to overhead bin which loads motor trucks.



FIRST UNIT of the 25,000-cu.ft.-per minute air compressor plant which Ingersoll-Rand Co. is installing for Six Companies, Inc.



TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION for single-track railroad line to serve dam is handled by J. N. Gordon, under sub-contract with Lewis Construction Co. This line extends from connection with Union Pacific R.R. at Boulder City to the damsite. Tunnel section is 18x26 ft. and requires timbering.



SUSPENSION BRIDGE is built by Six Companies, Inc., to provide Colorado River crossing about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile upstream from site of Hoover dam. Structure will carry compressed air line to drills in diversion and spillway tunnels on Arizona side of stream.

POWER LINE to Hoover Dam

TO DELIVER power for the construction of the Hoover dam on the Colorado River, the Southern Sierras Power Co. has completed a steel tower transmission line extending 230 miles from San Bernardino, Calif. Bases for the towers are first completely assembled and set in the earth. On the base sections the vertical members are erected and diagonal bracing added as the construction men ascend the poles. A

built-up top section, with arm members, is hoisted and bolted into place. Approximately 500 bolts are required for the assembly of one of these towers. Holes for the tower bases are excavated with motor-driven earth augers.

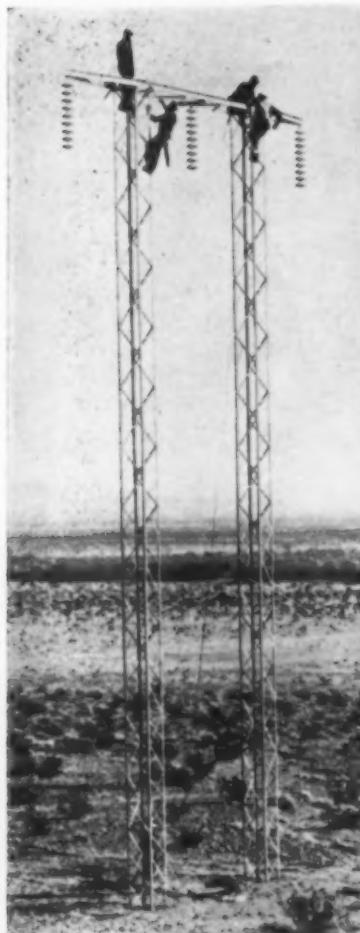
The work was done by the power company with its own forces under the direction of R. H. Halpenny, electrical engineer, E. J. Waugh, construction engineer, and C. H. Rhudy, in charge of field operations.



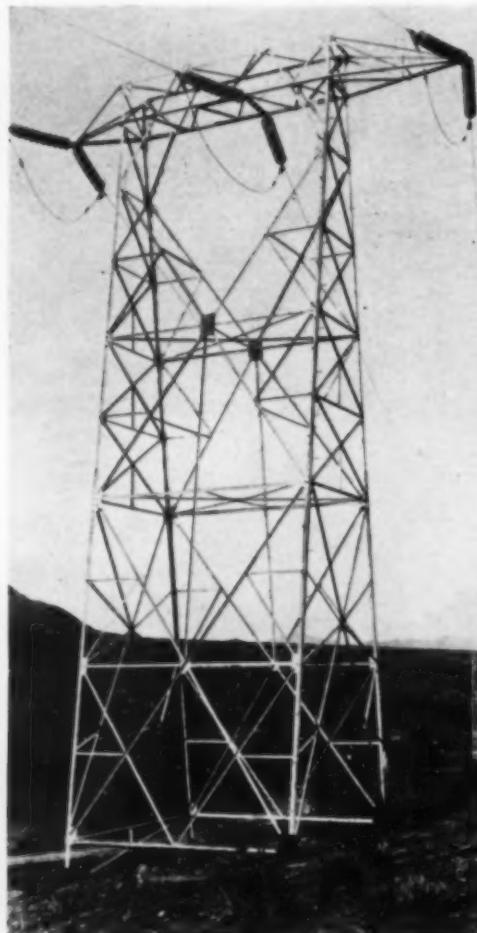
BASES for H-type towers are bolted to setting templates and lowered into holes. Metal is protected by dipping assembled base in hot asphaltic bath.



EARTH AUGER on tractor excavates holes for base sections.



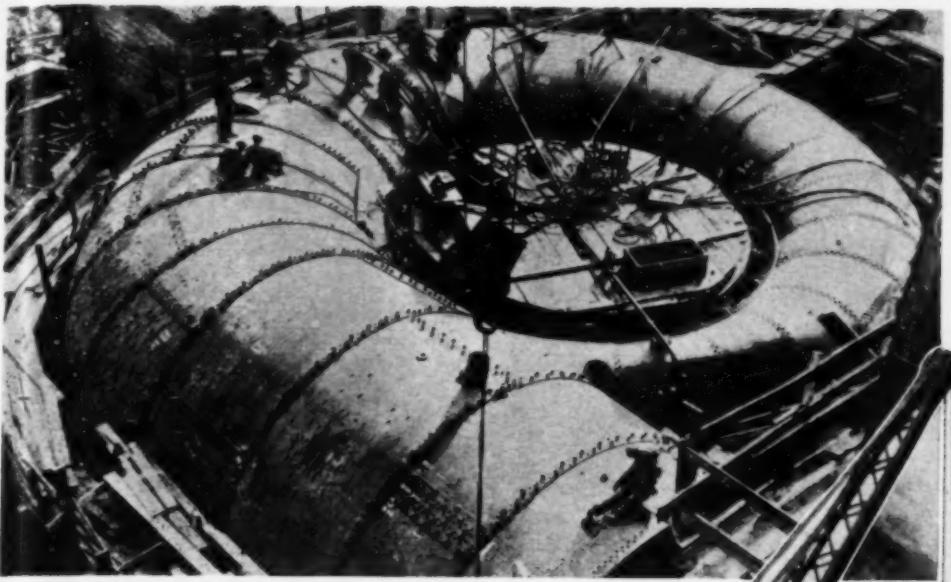
H-TYPE TOWERS of steel carry power line 230 miles from San Bernardino, Calif.



HEAVY ANGLE TOWER is special type for line transportation.



VERTICAL MEMBERS of tower are stiffened by diagonal bracing bolted into place.



LIKE A GIANT SNAIL a steel scroll case is assembled for one of the nine 84,000-hp. hydraulic turbine-generators of the Dnieper River power plant in Russia which will develop 750,000 hp. Spiral casing is of $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. steel plate and measures 68 ft. at its widest point.

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DRILLERS, suspended by cables, put finishing touches on sculptured head of George Washington for Mt. Rushmore Memorial in Black Hills of South Dakota.

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JOB ODDITIES

A Monthly Page of Unusual Features of Construction

WRECKING of obsolete freight cars at M.K.T. yards in Parsons, Kan., is done by American crane equipped with Hercules wire rope which lifts heavy car bodies from trucks.



GANGWAY FOR GIRDER! Heavy structural member for main balcony of new Paramount Theatre in Oakland, Calif., is skidded along city street. Length, 120 ft.; height, $9\frac{1}{2}$ ft.; weight 120 tons. Girder was fabricated by the Moore Dry Dock Co., of Oakland, and is claimed to be the largest ever built in one piece on the Pacific Coast.

HEAVY ROCK WORK

on Tennessee Highway Job

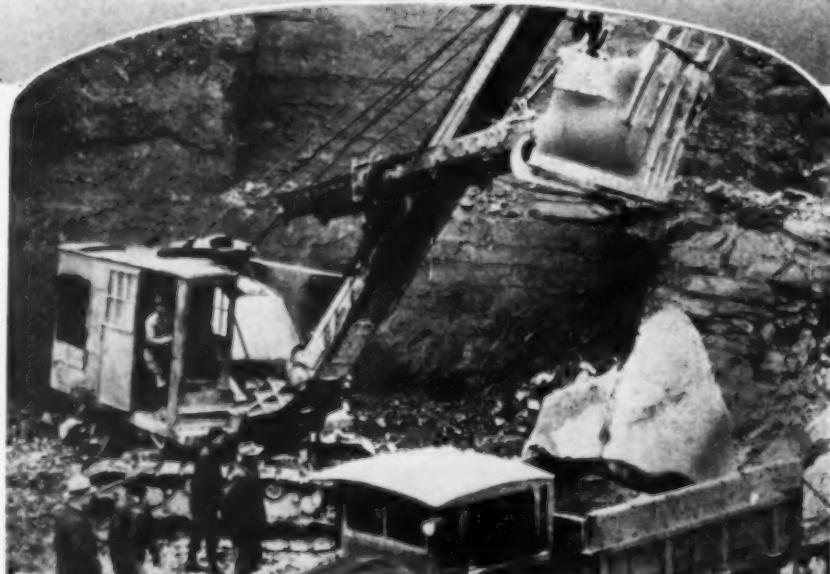


FLOATING HEAVY PLANT
30 miles down the river proved
to be easier and quicker than
any other means of delivery.

MORE than 215,000 cu.yd. of earth and solid rock excavation were moved recently in $3\frac{1}{2}$ months, working day shifts only, on a Cumberland River bridge approach for the Tennessee State Highway Commission by John Oman, Jr., of Nashville, with a 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -yd. and two 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -yd. shovels served by crawler haulage equipment.

On account of the isolation of the job from rail and improved highway connections, the plant was loaded on barges and floated 30 miles on the river to reach the work. No dismantling was necessary. The shovels went on and off the barges under their own power. Care had to be taken to keep the load on the barges balanced while loading and unloading were in progress, but the whole movement was simpler than by rail.

Immediately adjacent to the river end of the job was a cut 103 ft. deep of more than 43,000 cu.yd. in hard, tough limestone. This would have been an ideal well-drill operation, but the work was started on very short notice. It also was necessary to keep an old road, that was nearly on the



LOADING 6-TON ROCK into crawler truck with chain on shovel dipper. Much mudcapping was saved by handling big rock this way.

new location, open for the delivery of supplies to the part of the job beyond. So all of the holes on this cut were sunk with jackhammers to the right depth to permit the rock to be taken out in 20-ft. lifts. On account of the hard, tough rock only 12 in. could be drilled, on the average, before a fresh bit was required. Under these handicaps one shovel finished this cut in 52 days.

On all of the rest of the job well drills were largely used to put down holes from 20 to 42 ft. deep, with the average around 30 ft. While steep slopes made the handling of these outfits difficult, it was possible to sink ac-

curate holes with them by guying the frame and the leads.

An overburden of loose, shale material prevented springing the well-drill holes on most of the job. Where this occurred, 60 or 75 per cent gelatin was used in loading. The jackhammer holes were loaded with as much as 100 lb. of dynamite, while the loads for the well-drill holes ranged from 100 to 400 lb.

Use of the high-percentage explosive resulted in thorough shattering and fragmentation of the tough rock, enabling the shovels to handle the spoil faster and easier. No more care had to be used in handling the high-per-

MUD BOTTOM (*right*) in big rock cut is negotiated easily by crawler haulage equipment. Other types of equipment would soon have made this going impassable in wet weather.

DUMPING BIG ROCK (*below*) from crawler wagon. No more care was used in handling a load of big rock than in regular run of excavation spoil.



centage explosive than with the ordinary grades. For the well-drill holes the dynamite came in sticks 5 in. in diameter and weighing 10 lb. to the stick, with five to the box. These large sticks were loaded with very little cutting.

In spite of a good deal of heavy clay mud that worked into the rock cuts, the crawler tractors and crawler wagons were operated steadily, except when it was actually raining. J. P. Burns, superintendent for the contractor, considered that he got in much time with them when round-wheel outfits would have been stalled.

With two 10-ton crawler-mounted Linn trucks and four Athey crawler wagons, having three-way dump bodies, it was possible to remove almost any of the pieces of rock the shovels could swing. Rock pieces weighing up to 8 tons were loaded into the dump bodies by using chains on the shovel dippers. With the plan of drilling and shooting used and the handling of the big rock by the shovels, very little mudcapping had to be done. This not only saved money but also speeded up the shovel work a good deal.

No trouble was experienced in dumping the large rock from the crawler wagons right out on the end

of the narrow top of a fill near the bridge that had a maximum height of 55 ft. In fact, the wagons took no longer to dump a load containing a large rock than one of the ordinary run of the cut. The Monarch and Caterpillar tractors used also were handled easily on the high, narrow fill.

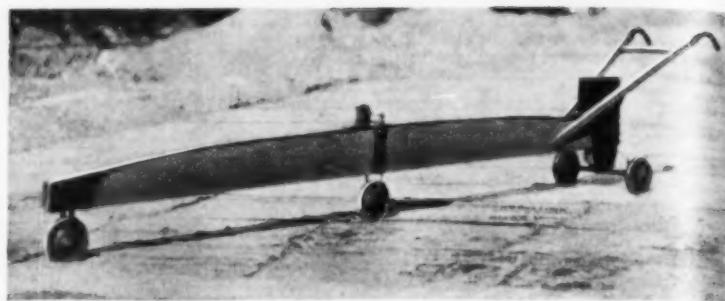
R. H. Baker is commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Highways and Public Works. T. C. McEwen is state highway engineer and E. M. Turner, assistant state highway engineer in charge of construction. J. P. Melvin was resident engineer on the project.



WELL DRILL (*left*) sinks 42-ft. hole on side-hill slope so steep that frame and leads of machine had to be guyed. **CONSTRUCTION PERSONNEL** (*below*) includes J. M. Farrar (*at right*), engineer manager of Tennessee Road Builders' Association; S. Oman and J. P. Burns of the John Oman, Jr., organization. The workmen at the left are handling 5-in. 10-lb. sticks of 75 per cent gelatin.

Getting Down to DETAILS

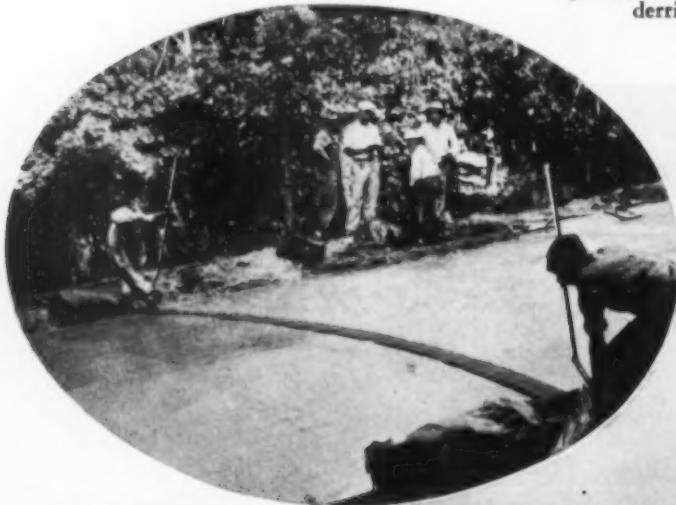
Close-up Shots of Job Methods and Equipment



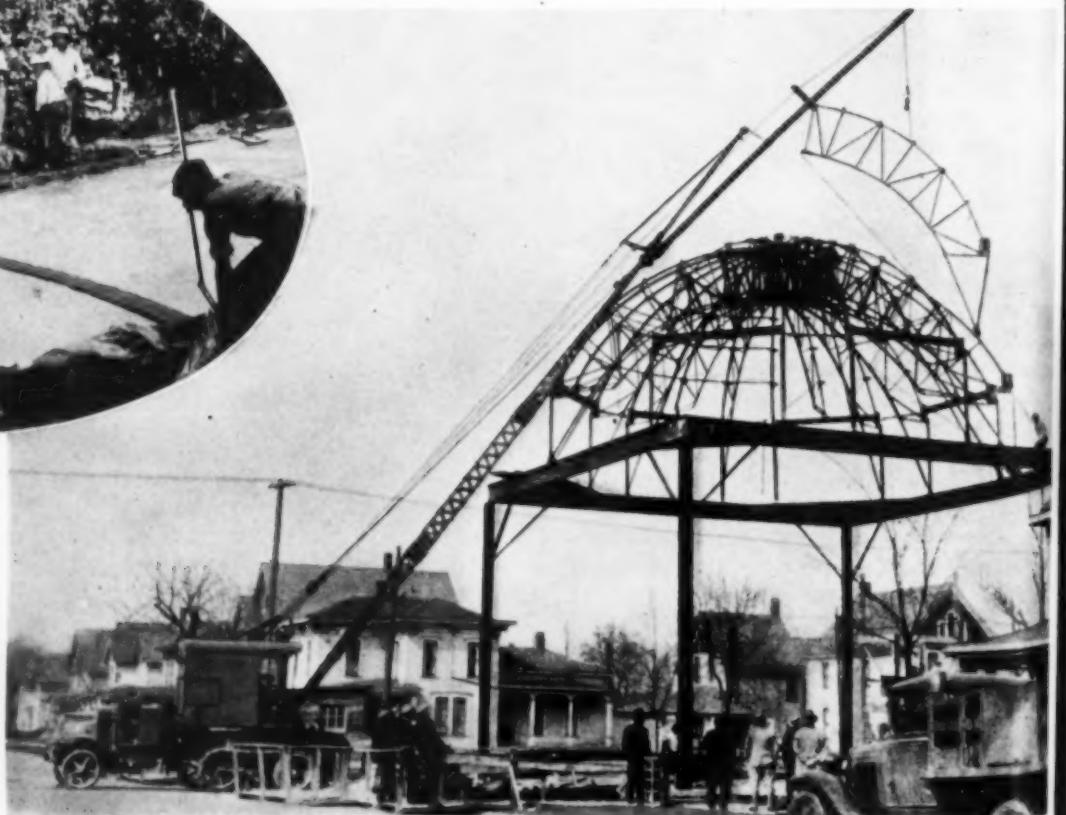
BUMPOMETER for pavements in Ohio to measure surface irregularities. Length 10 ft. Buzzer, operated by dry cell, sounds when center wheel passes bump or depression. Contractors are using this equipment to check their paving work.



FOR HANDLING 82-FT. CONCRETE PILES at municipal dock in Los Angeles, Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corp. used rigging consisting of slings attached at six points along each 23,000-lb. pile to prevent bending. Two pairs of slings are attached through blocks to second sling connected through block to main fall of 20-ton derrick. Remaining pair of slings at right end are connected through block to auxiliary fall from tip of derrick boom. In vertical position, pile is handled by special sling attached one-third of way from top.



LONG HANDLES (*above*) on belt facilitate finishing of 38½ miles of concrete paving in Missouri by Hoeffken Bros. Construction Co., of Belleville, Ill.

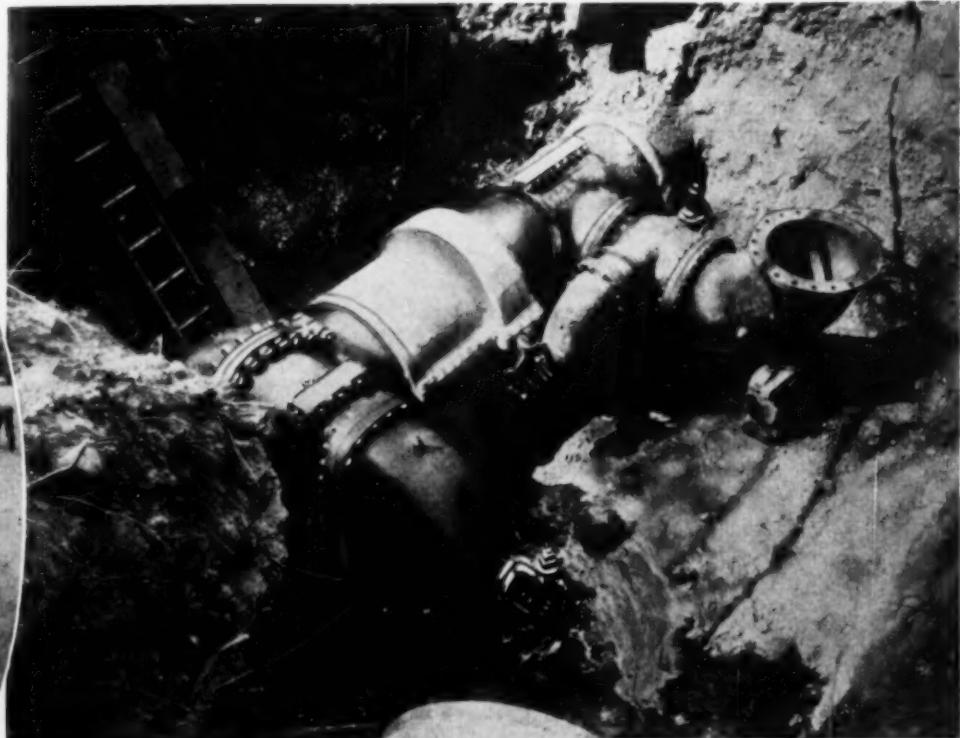


EXTENSION ON BOOM (*right*) of Universal truck crane enables Vogt & Conant, of Cleveland, to erect from street setup all steel trusses for Jewish Temple in Lorain, Ohio. Boom length is 50 ft., extension, 16 ft., and auxiliary jib, 45 ft.



BOX ENCLOSURE (*above*) allows cables of elevator hoist to extend through sand pile, thus utilizing valuable storage space during construction of 3-story concrete postoffice building at Spartanburg, S. C. Contractor, Algernon Blair, of Montgomery, Ala.

ROAD FORMS DOUBLE-DECKED (*below*). W. A. Wilson & Sons place 7-in. high Blaw-Knox units one on top of other to get 14-in. thickness on concrete resurfacing job in West Virginia.



LARGE PIPE CONNECTED UNDER PRESSURE. On 30-in. main at Ogdensburg, N. Y., a 30-in. horizontal valve was inserted and a 24-in. branch connection made using A. P. Smith apparatus, without interruption to water supply service. Operation is performed with bevel gear pipe cutter, sleeve and split casing equipped with dome into which cutting mechanism and cut-out section of pipe are lifted.

The Superintendent Discusses

MOVING THE SHOVELS

"I was just over at the tractor sheds," Jim, the general superintendent, remarked as he and Bill, the "super" in charge of the Sumps Corners job, started out one morning to look over the shovels. "Six of the tractors appear to be off duty today."

"That's right," replied Bill. "Eight seems to be enough to keep the two shovels busy."

"So you sent the other six to the sheds?"
"Yes."

"On the theory that it costs too much to pay for drivers, gas and oil, to say nothing of depreciation and possible repairs?"

"Certainly."

"That's reasonable enough, Bill. Sending out extra hauling units is far too expensive to be warranted. As a matter of fact, the practice is a relic of the time when pretty much all of this sort of work was done by teams and wagons. It cost so nearly the same to feed the mules and the mule skinners when they were doing nothing as it did to work the wagons, that the practice of sending all of them out, whether they were needed or not, became quite general. Then, too, in the days when wagon outfits were common, as a rule digging was pretty light. This resulted in such rapid changes in hauling conditions that it wasn't always possible to tell how many teams could be used. At any rate, it was customary to send all the wagons out and now, though trucks or tractors have replaced most of the mules, a good many contractors still follow this practice. Of course, it's quite unsound to operate in this way, for grading usually runs a good bit heavier now, haul doesn't vary much during a single day and the difference between the cost of operating a big truck or a big tractor and the cost of letting it stand idle is a good deal more than the difference between the cost of working a team and the cost of letting it lie idle. So it always is well to send out only the hauling units which can be worked to capacity."

"But, Bill, your tractors ought to be at work."

Bill was quite taken back. He realized of course, that handling a grading job, like playing bridge, involved a good many points one didn't learn without a lot of experience and a good deal of study. Still, for the "general" to say that all of the tractors should be at work when eight could keep the shovels busy didn't seem reasonable. So he replied quite frankly and a bit abruptly, "I don't get you at all, Jim. The shovels can't turn out any more dirt than they're handling right now and eight tractors are taking it easily."

"Quite likely," was Jim's rejoinder.
"Quite likely."

"Then why should we send out the other tractors?"

"Could move one of the shovels, couldn't you?"

"Never heard of such a thing!" Bill was more amazed than ever. "Why should we move one of the shovels?"

"Why not?" Jim was enjoying the fact that he had Bill guessing.

"Why not? Why it takes time to move a shovel and that costs a lot of money."

"Sure enough. But is time the only thing that costs money?"

"No."

"Then might there not be other things that would cost more than moving a shovel—letting it work for a couple of weeks at half its normal output, for instance? Knew a fellow once who got his shovels so badly tangled up that for more than a month three of them didn't average 100 cu.yd. each a day. I figure that, by the time he had added in the cost of depreciation, just digging the dirt he moved that month cost him over 50 cents a cubic yard. That's more than we're getting for digging, hauling, and placing combined!"

"How did that happen, Jim?"

"Easy enough. He had three good shovels and an average amount of hauling equipment, though I suspect that an average amount wasn't enough for that job. At any rate, he started his shovels at three points where it seemed that an easy start could be made. For a month or two he got along pretty well and then, without knowing just how it happened, he found that all three of the shovels were working on dirt which had to be hauled about a mile and, well, Bill, what I am wondering about is whether you will have tractors enough next week when, if you keep the shovels moving right along where they are now, you'll be hauling about 2,000 ft. from one of them and over 2,500 ft. from the other?"

"No, Jim, we'll be short of tractors, all right, when we come to that part of the work."

"But why not duck that situation, Bill, by moving one shovel over on to the long haul work now? Then you can run four tractors with the shovel you leave where it is now and there will be ten for the long haul work if you need that many. If you wait till both the shovels are on long haul, the tractors can't take the dirt as fast as the shovels can dig it."

"I'm beginning to see what you're driving at," was Bill's comment. "Never heard of such a thing before, but I must admit it sounds logical."

"It is logical." Jim's manner had changed. Quite evidently he was in dead earnest now. "It's so logical that it often means the difference between a loss and a good profit on grading work. You know as well as I do that on grading work of this sort there are some cuts which involve only a short haul. Some of the dirt must be hauled a long distance. Usually most of it must be hauled about the average distance. Almost obviously it is impractical to send out enough hauling equipment to keep two or three shovels busy at the same time on dirt which involves the longest haul a



S TO KEEP HAULING UNITS BUSY

job of this sort develops. But it is practical to study the whole job and to place the shovels so that either a long haul and a short haul, or two intermediate hauls are being worked at the same time. Then, if enough hauling equipment is provided to handle the output of the shovels when the haul is of about average length, usually it is possible to keep the shovels working at pretty near full production all the time.

"So, Bill, what I'd like to have you do is to study the hauling problem on this job to see if it isn't possible to put one shovel on short haul work whenever

it is necessary to have one on long haul work. That's the only way to keep production where it should be, and it's the surest road to a good profit."

"We'll have to move the shovels around quite a bit if we operate that way!"

"True enough. It will take some pretty

careful planning, too. But, after all, it isn't hard to move a shovel. An hour or two is time enough to move one quite a distance and once the shovel runners become accustomed to the idea, they will be careful to prepare all pioneer roads with this in mind."

"Perhaps you may have noticed, Bill, that we almost never send less than two shovels to a job."

"Yes, I've noticed that, Jim. Why is it?"

"Well, more or less confidentially, Bill, it's because the two-shovel set-up has so much advantage over the one-shovel set-up that as a rule, we can make a profit with a two-shovel outfit where a man with a one-shovel outfit can hardly make a cent. He has no means of adjusting his outfit to work economically on the various hauls—particularly the long ones. On these, invariably, the one-shovel outfit finds the work expensive, for the shovel cannot be kept up to a capacity output. On the short hauls equipment has to be laid up and on a lot of jobs too many hauling units are sent out. So on both long haul work and short haul work the one-shovel outfit seldom gets the results it is rather easy to get with a two-shovel outfit if the shovels are moved about on the job so that all of the hauling equipment can be kept busy."

"In other words, this is one of the places where that 'thinking your way through to a profit' comes in," Bill observed.

"That's just it," replied Jim. "You figure out a plan under which both the shovels and the tractors can be kept at full production during the largest part of the time, and then you move both the shovels and the tractors around on the job as much as is required in order to keep production at top speed all the time."

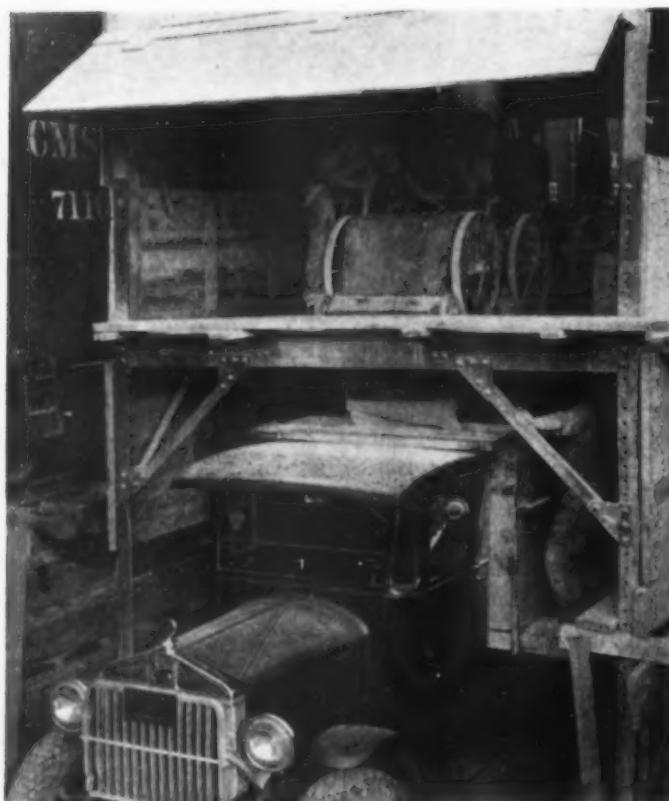
"Well, Jim, I'll go right to work on that idea. We've had good production so far but I've been worrying about how to keep it up. This is the answer. But it's come just in time. In another week we'd have had some low production."

Jim merely smiled. He had had his own reasons for letting this matter rest till Bill was almost in a hole—and they remained his own. But that was one of the reasons he was a general superintendent.

[Jim Tells Bill How to Get the Maximum Output From His Fleet of Tractors]



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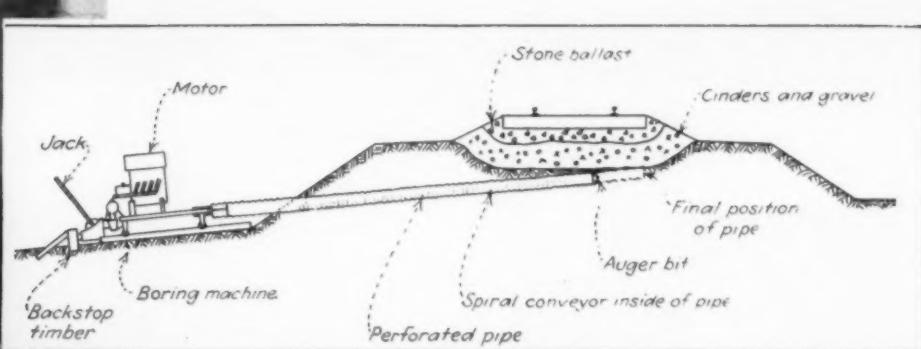
TRACTOR CRANE, truck-mounted (*left*), has rated capacity of 4,000 lb. and travels at rate of 12 miles per hour. Boom easily adjusted from operator's seat. Counterweight, 2,000 lb., bolted to rear of machine, gives better traction and stability and spring-mounted chassis prevents excessive shocks and strains. Special attachments include shovel, sweeper, plow and bulldozer. Special telescopic mast. — Lidgerwood Manufacturing Co., Elizabeth, N. J.



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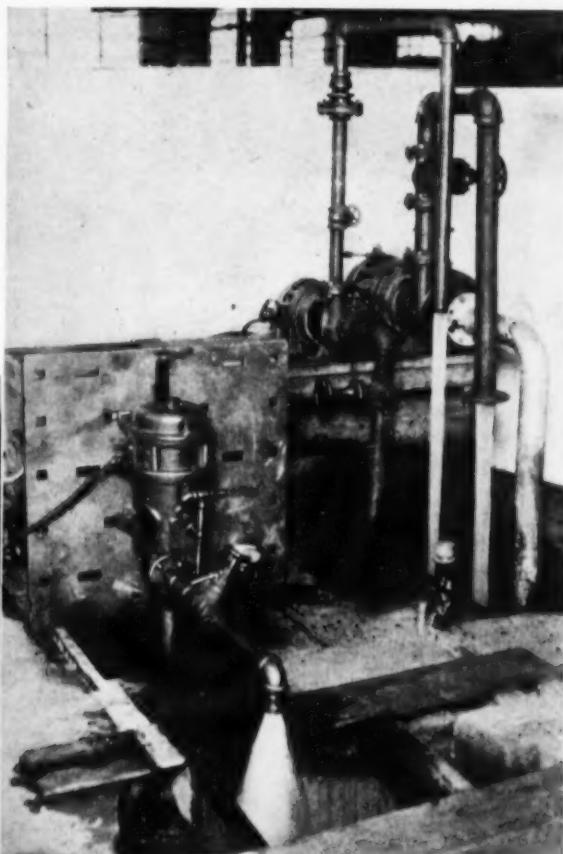


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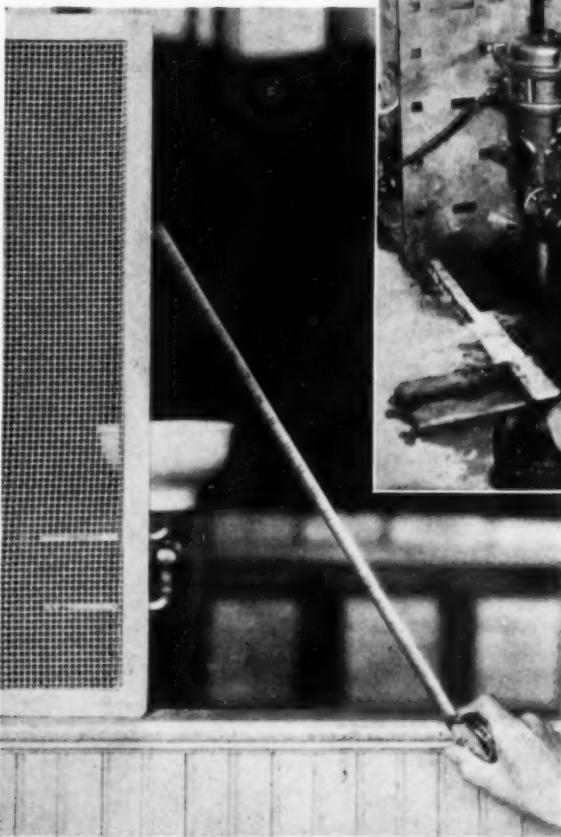


BORING MACHINE (*left and above*) for installing corrugated iron drain pipe of 8-, 12- and 18-in. diameters. Excavates and removes material displaced by pipe. Machine mounted on track upon which it moves forward as jacking progresses. Jacking is done by hand. Power provided by gasoline motor and transmitted to borer by shaft extending through pipe. Spiral conveyor built round shaft removes spoil through pipe upon metal trough placed in invert. When section of pipe has been placed, machine is returned to starting point, another section of pipe and a corresponding length of lining and conveyor attached and the process repeated. — Armco Culvert Manufacturers Assoc., Middletown, Ohio.

TAPE-RULE (*right*) measuring at an angle to determine length of brace. Combines convenience of pocket tape and utility of rule. Winds into 2-in. case. Becomes rigid when withdrawn. Line or rule blade is of tempered steel stiffened by special forming. One type of "Crescent" rule marked inches to 16ths; one marked feet, 10ths and 100ths of foot. —The Lufkin Rule Co., Saginaw, Mich.



TUNGSTEN CARBIDE COMPOUND (*below*), known as Armite Autoweld, for over-all hard-surfacing of any type of steel. Applied with electric arc using negative carbon electrode. Supplied in $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. diameter 10- to 11-in. long sticks. —Armite Laboratories, 318 West Ninth St., Los Angeles, Calif.



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Present and Accounted For—

A Page of Personalities



R. L. DOBBIN is the newly elected president of the American Water Works Association. He is superintendent of water works at Peterborough, Canada, and served as chairman of the association's committee on constitution.



COL. HUGH L. COOPER, American consulting engineer, is serving as technical adviser to the Soviet government in Russia on the construction of the Dnieper River dam and hydroelectric project to develop 740,000 hp., at cost of \$110,000,000.



GEORGE H. FINNERAN, who is serving this year as president of the New England Water Works Association, is superintendent of the Water Division of the Public Works Department of Boston, Mass.



HON. MICHAEL A. CONNOR, building contractor of Hartford, Conn., and member of the Associated General Contractors of America, has twice been elected to the State Senate of Connecticut. Senator Connor is a graduate of Trinity College and served ten years with the Berlin Construction Co. before establishing his own business, The Michael A. Connor Co.



HOOVER DAM EXECUTIVES CONFER. Frank T. Crowe (below, left), general superintendent for Six Companies, Inc., successful bidders on the \$49,000,000 Colorado River project, discusses provisions of contract and specifications with Walker R. Young, representing the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation as Construction Engineer.

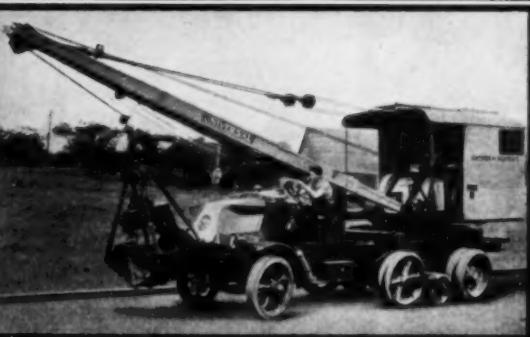
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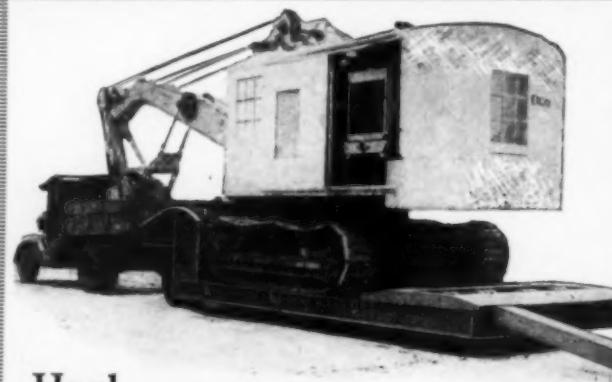
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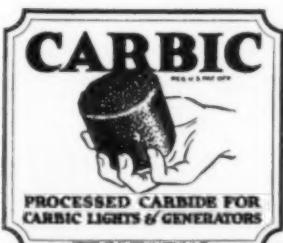
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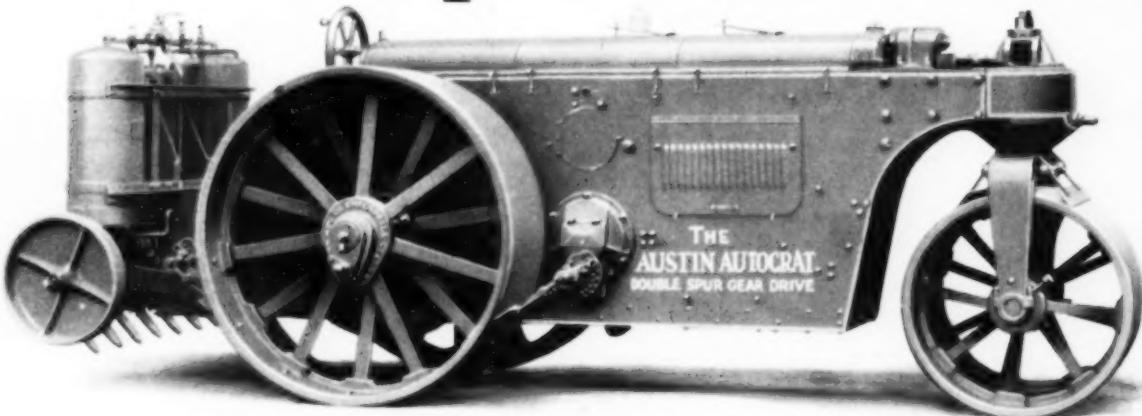
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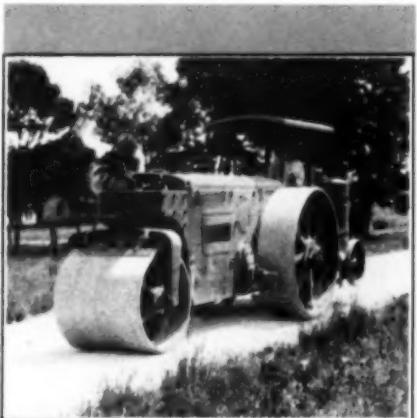
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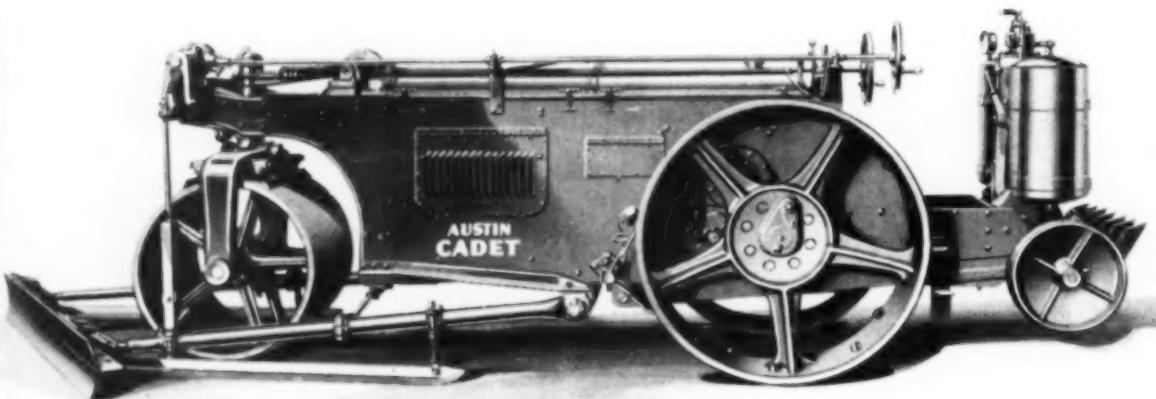
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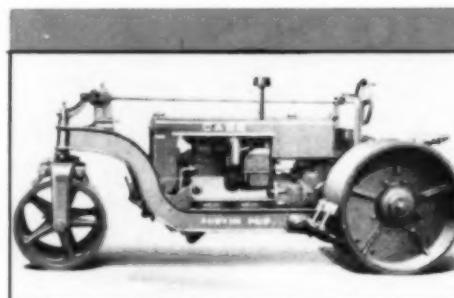
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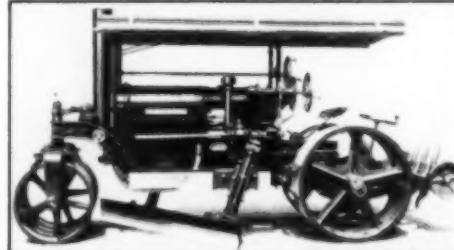
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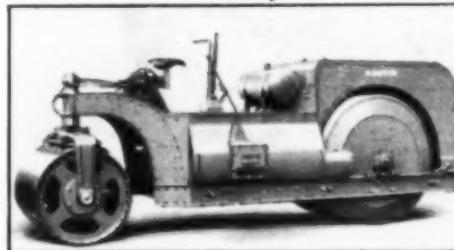
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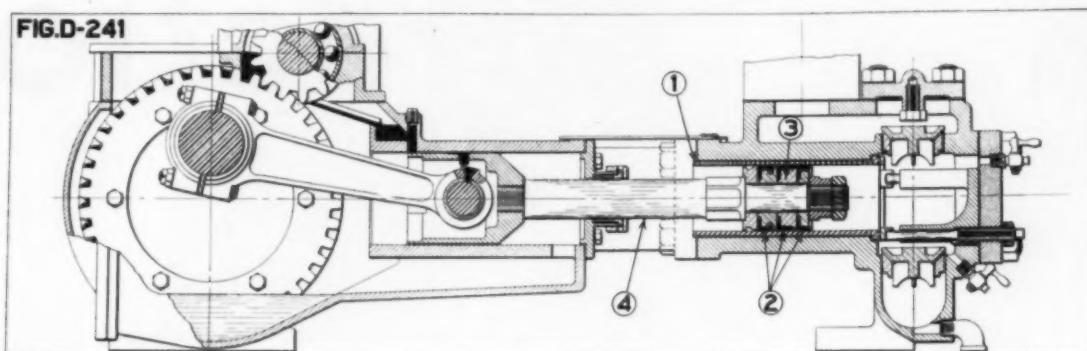


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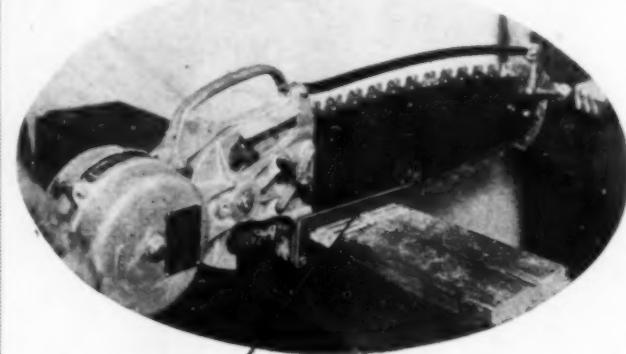


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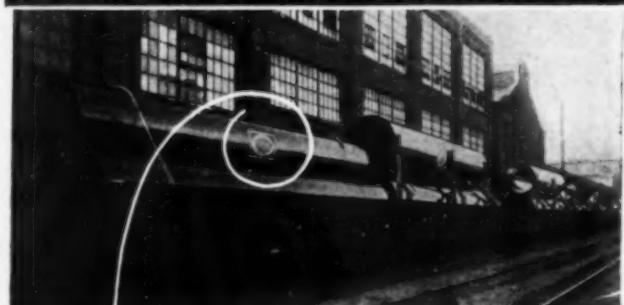


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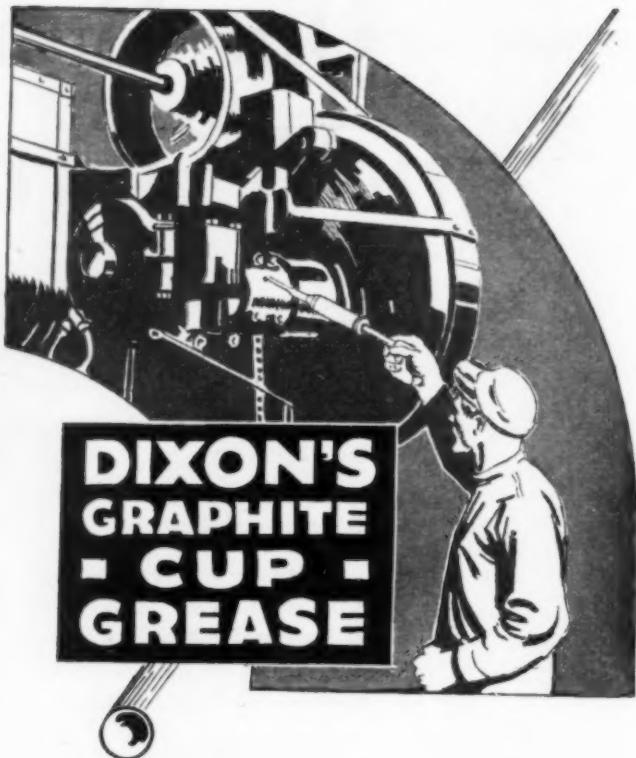
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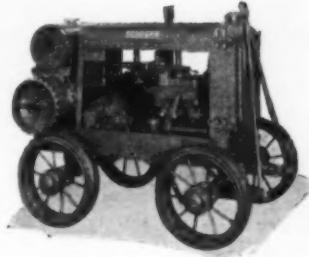
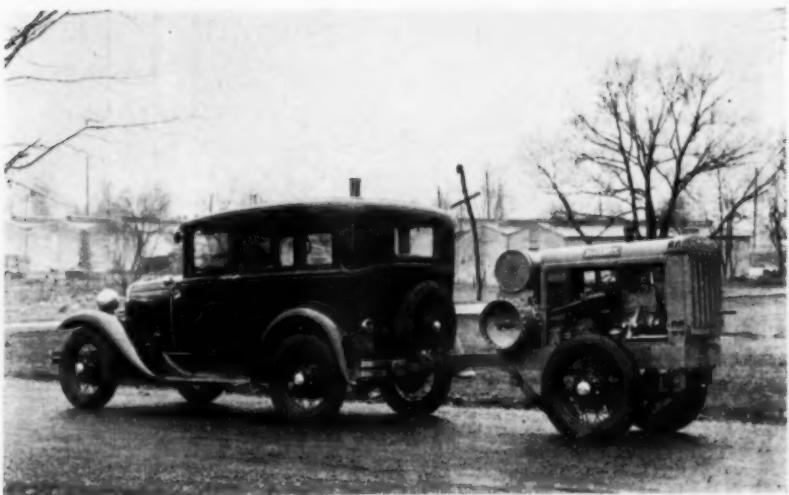
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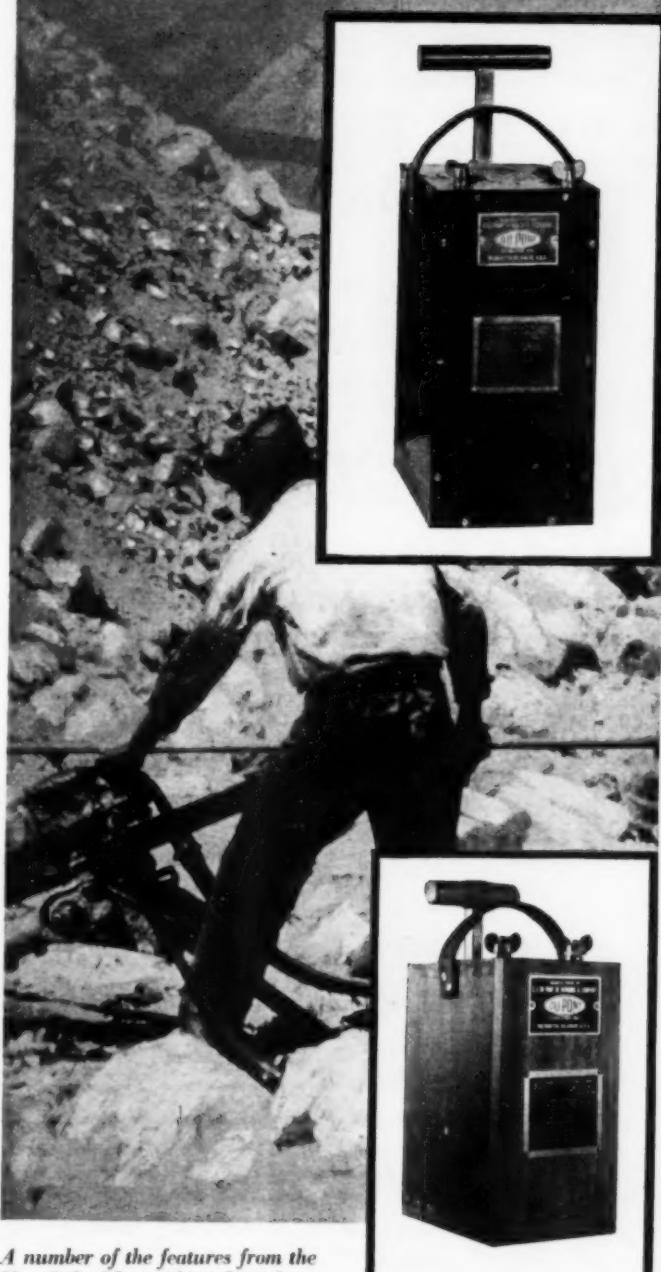
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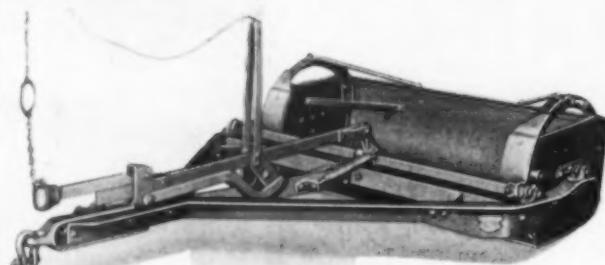
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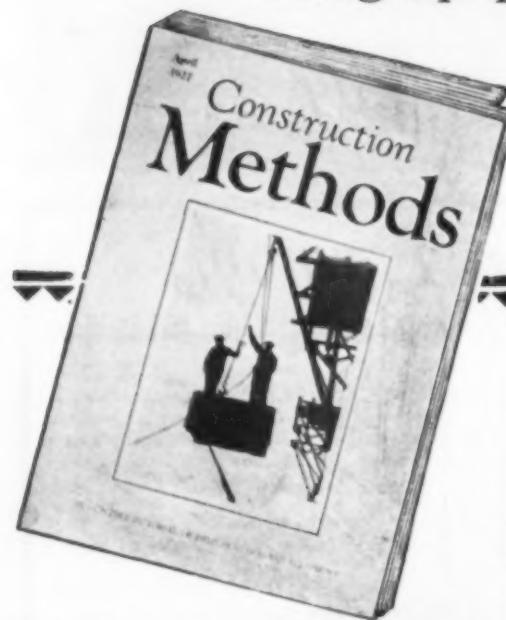
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